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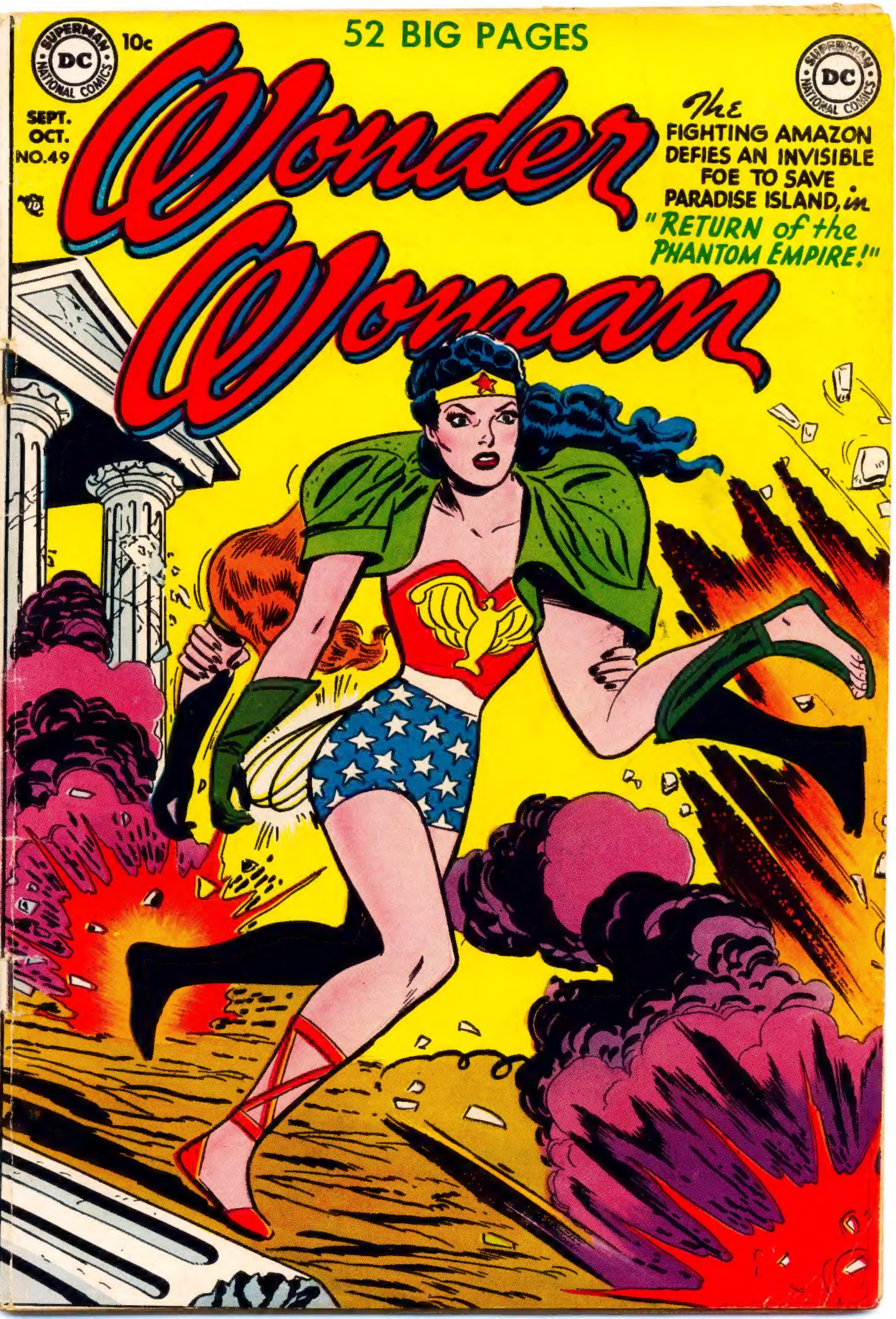

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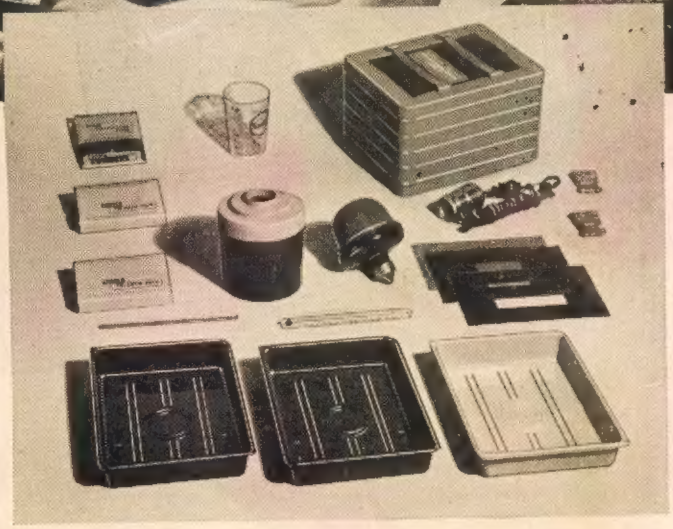

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HAS THE LAST HOUR OF PARADISE ISLAND ARRIVED? HAVE THE FIGHTING AMAZONS WHO HAVE ALWAYS STOOD LIKE A SOLID BARRIER AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL--FINALLY MET THEIR DOOM? THAT IS THE STARTLING QUESTION WHICH CAN ONLY BE ANSWERED BY **WONDER WOMAN**—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY—AS SHE RACES BACK 9000 YEARS INTO THE TUMULTUOUS PAST IN A DESPERATE EFFORT TO PREVENT THE • • • • •

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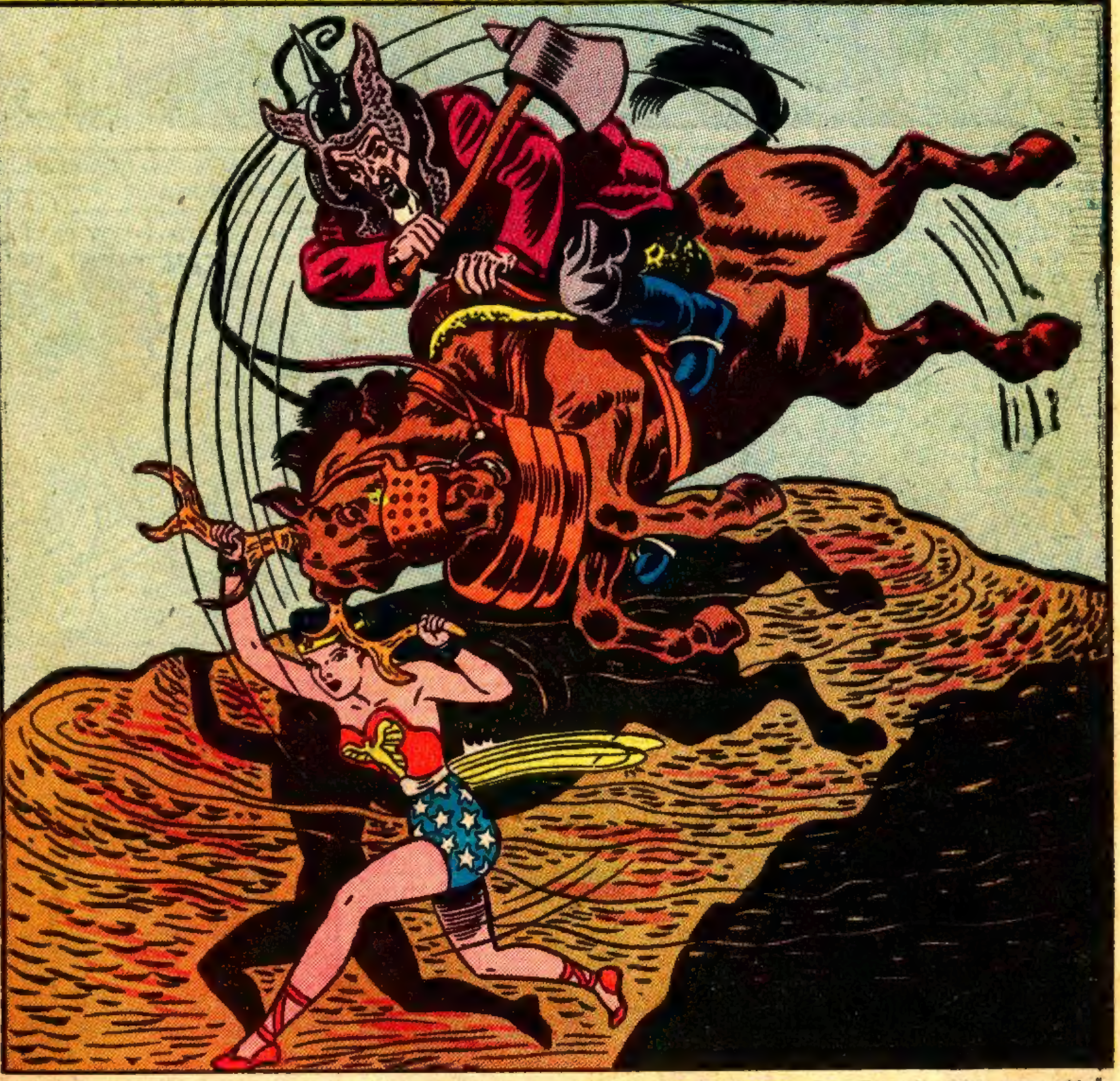

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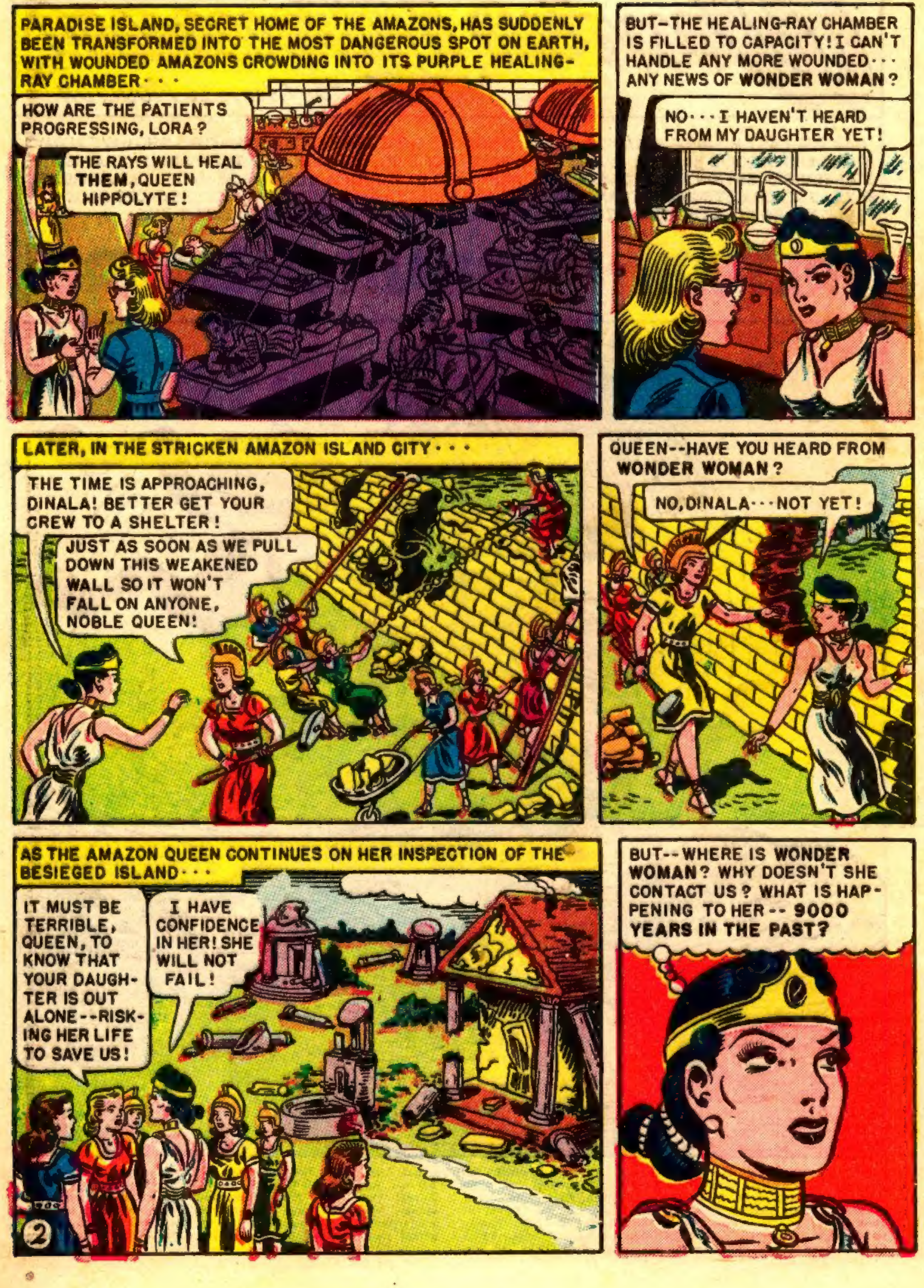
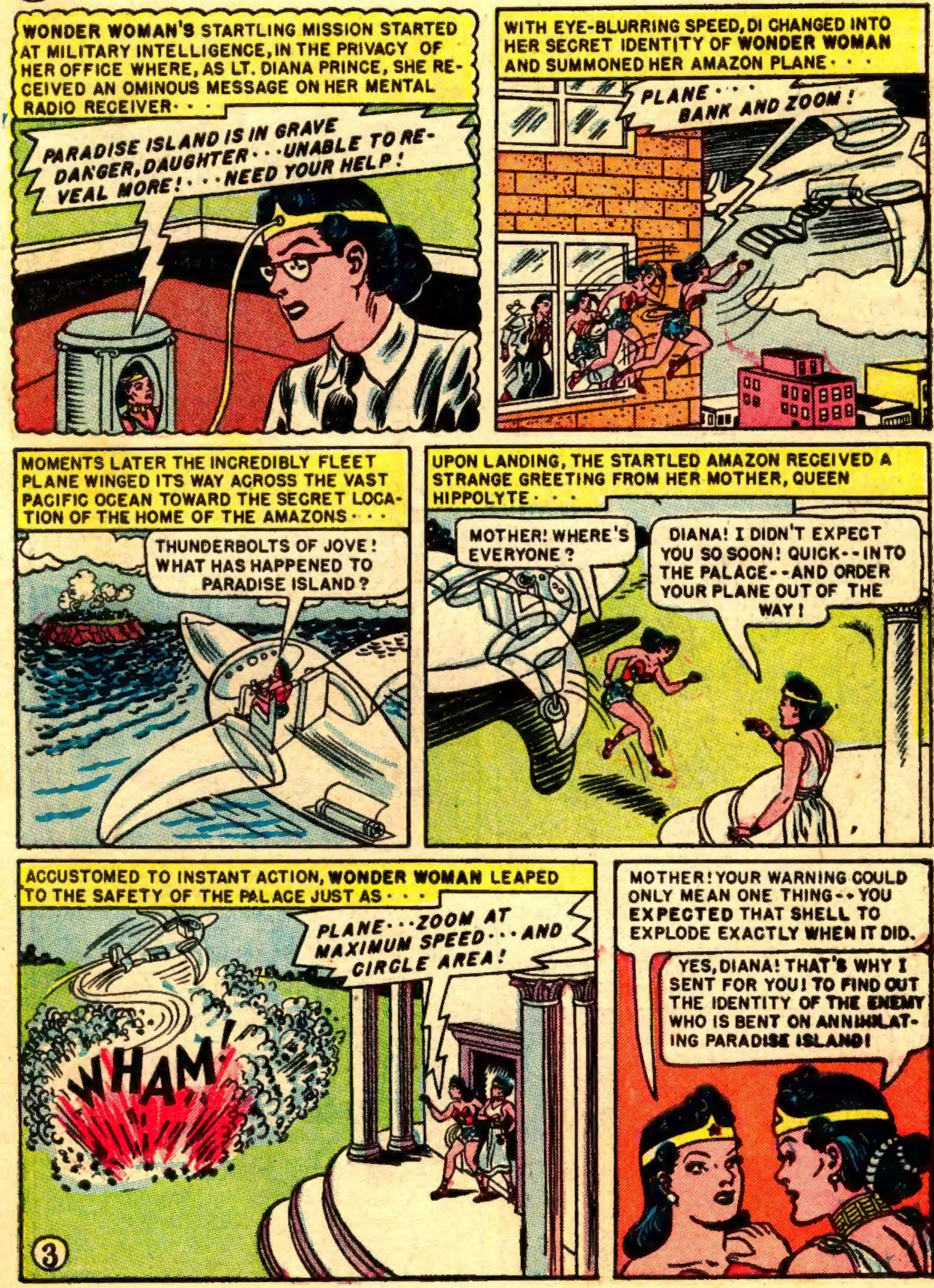
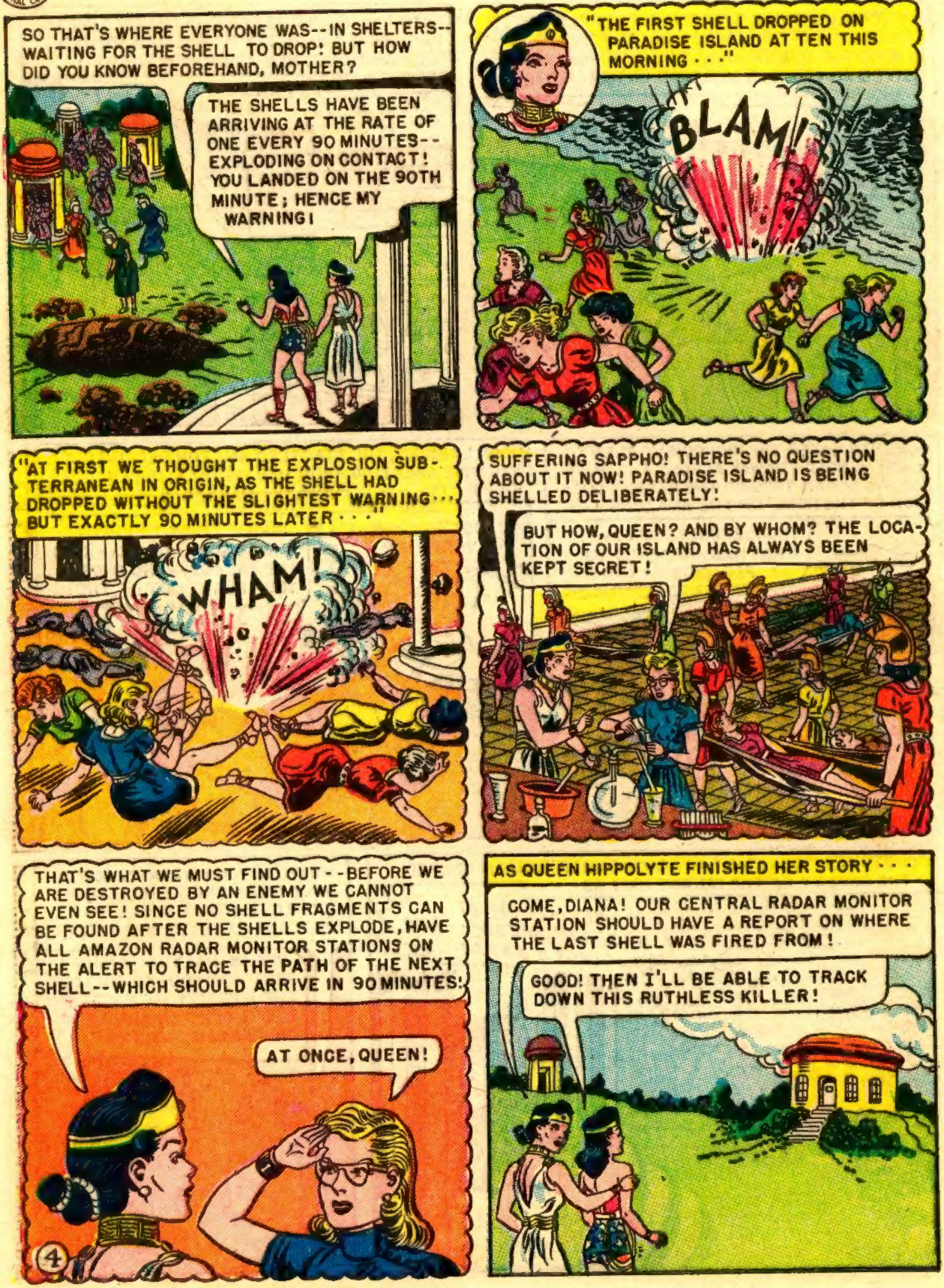

PARADISE ISLAND, SECRET HOME OF THE AMAZONS, HAS SUDDENLY BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO THE MOST DANGEROUS SPOT ON EARTH, WITH WOUNDED AMAZONS CROWDING INTO ITS PURPLE HEALING-RAY CHAMBER · · ·
HOW ARE THE PATIENTS PROGRESSING, LORA?
THE RAYS WILL HEAL THEM, QUEEN HIPPOLYTE!
BUT–THE HEALING-RAY CHAMBER IS FILLED TO CAPACITY! I CAN'T HANDLE ANY MORE WOUNDED · · · ANY NEWS OF WONDER WOMAN?
NO · · · I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM MY DAUGHTER YET!
LATER, IN THE STRICKEN AMAZON ISLAND CITY · · ·
THE TIME IS APPROACHING, DINALA! BETTER GET YOUR CREW TO A SHELTER!
JUST AS SOON AS WE PULL DOWN THIS WEAKENED WALL SO IT WON'T FALL ON ANYONE, NOBLE QUEEN!
QUEEN--HAVE YOU HEARD FROM WONDER WOMAN?
NO, DINALA · · · NOT YET!
AS THE AMAZON QUEEN CONTINUES ON HER INSPECTION OF THE BESIEGED ISLAND · · ·
IT MUST BE TERRIBLE, QUEEN, TO KNOW THAT YOUR DAUGHTER IS OUT ALONE--RISKING HER LIFE TO SAVE US!
I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HER! SHE WILL NOT FAIL!
BUT--WHERE IS WONDER WOMAN? WHY DOESN'T SHE CONTACT US? WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HER -- 9000 YEARS IN THE PAST?


WONDER WOMAN'S STARTLING MISSION STARTED AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, IN THE PRIVACY OF HER OFFICE WHERE, AS LT. DIANA PRINCE, SHE RECEIVED AN OMINOUS MESSAGE ON HER MENTAL RADIO RECEIVER· · ·
PARADISE ISLAND IS IN GRAVE DANGER, DAUGHTER · · · UNABLE TO REVEAL MORE! · · · NEED YOUR HELP!
WITH EYE-BLURRING SPEED, DI CHANGED INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN AND SUMMONED HER AMAZON PLANE · · ·
PLANE · · · BANK AND ZOOM!
MOMENTS LATER THE INCREDIBLY FLEET PLANE WINGED ITS WAY ACROSS THE VAST PACIFIC OCEAN TOWARD THE SECRET LOCATION OF THE HOME OF THE AMAZONS · · ·
THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO PARADISE ISLAND?
UPON LANDING, THE STARTLED AMAZON RECEIVED A STRANGE GREETING FROM HER MOTHER, QUEEN HIPPOLYTE · · ·
MOTHER! WHERE'S EVERYONE?
DIANA! I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU SO SOON! QUICK--INTO THE PALACE--AND ORDER YOUR PLANE OUT OF THE WAY!
ACCUSTOMED TO INSTANT ACTION, WONDER WOMAN LEAPED TO THE SAFETY OF THE PALACE JUST AS · · ·
PLANE · · · ZOOM AT MAXIMUM SPEED · · · AND CIRCLE AREA!
WHAM!
MOTHER! YOUR WARNING COULD ONLY MEAN ONE THING--YOU EXPECTED THAT SHELL TO EXPLODE EXACTLY WHEN IT DID.
YES, DIANA! THAT'S WHY I SENT FOR YOU! TO FIND OUT THE IDENTITY OF THE ENEMY WHO IS BENT ON ANNIHILATING PARADISE ISLAND!


SO THAT'S WHERE EVERYONE WAS--IN SHELTERS--WAITING FOR THE SHELL TO DROP! BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW BEFOREHAND, MOTHER?
THE SHELLS HAVE BEEN ARRIVING AT THE RATE OF ONE EVERY 90 MINUTES--EXPLODING ON CONTACT! YOU LANDED ON THE 90TH MINUTE; HENCE MY WARNING!
"THE FIRST SHELL DROPPED ON PARADISE ISLAND AT TEN THIS MORNING . . ."
BLAM!
"AT FIRST WE THOUGHT THE EXPLOSION SUBTERRANEAN IN ORIGIN, AS THE SHELL HAD DROPPED WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST WARNING . . . BUT EXACTLY 90 MINUTES LATER . . ."
WHAM!
SUFFERING SAPPHO! THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT NOW! PARADISE ISLAND IS BEING SHELLED DELIBERATELY!
BUT HOW, QUEEN? AND BY WHOM? THE LOCATION OF OUR ISLAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN KEPT SECRET!
THAT'S WHAT WE MUST FIND OUT--BEFORE WE ARE DESTROYED BY AN ENEMY WE CANNOT EVEN SEE! SINCE NO SHELL FRAGMENTS CAN BE FOUND AFTER THE SHELLS EXPLODE, HAVE ALL AMAZON RADAR MONITOR STATIONS ON THE ALERT TO TRACE THE PATH OF THE NEXT SHELL--WHICH SHOULD ARRIVE IN 90 MINUTES!
AT ONCE, QUEEN!
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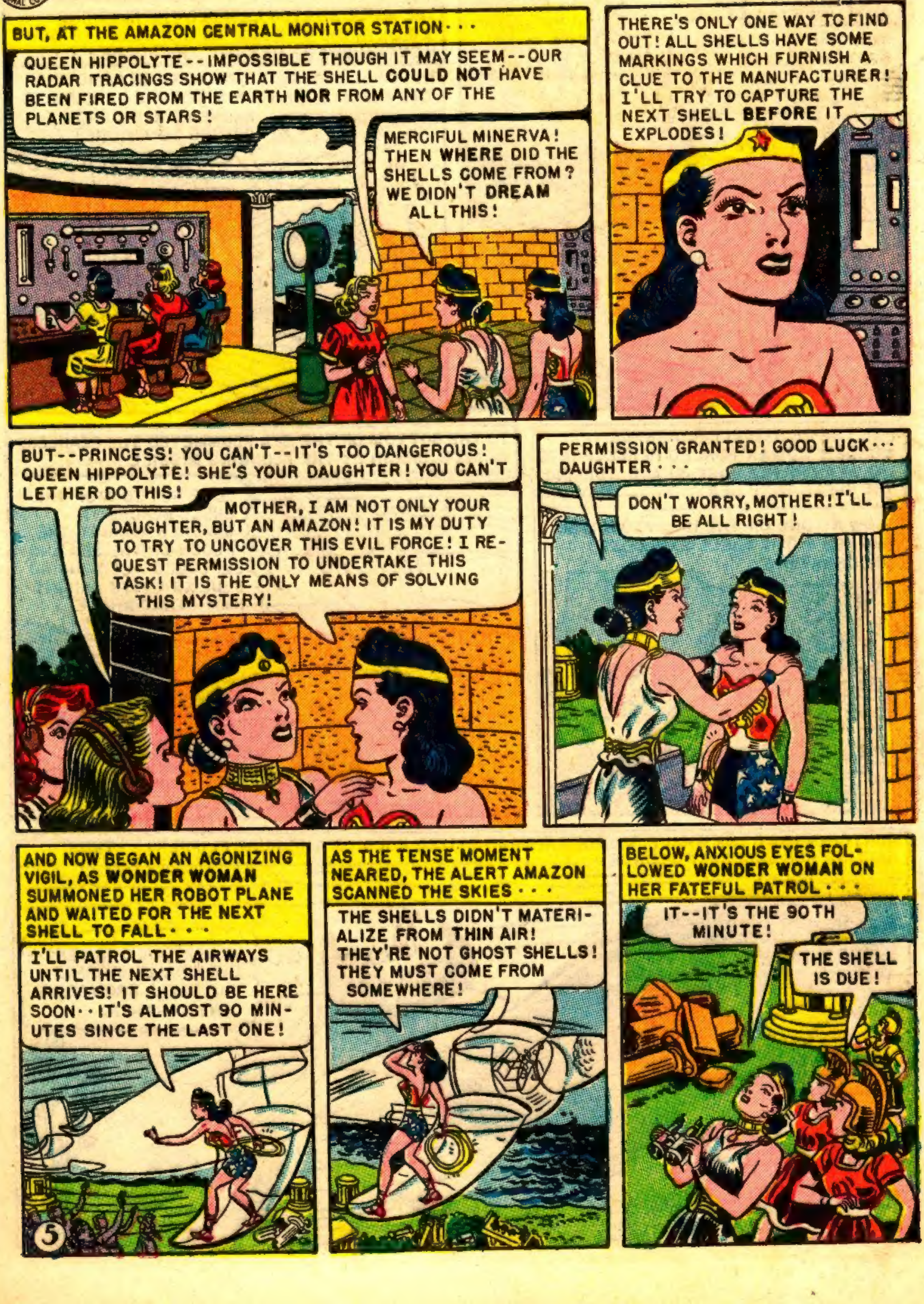
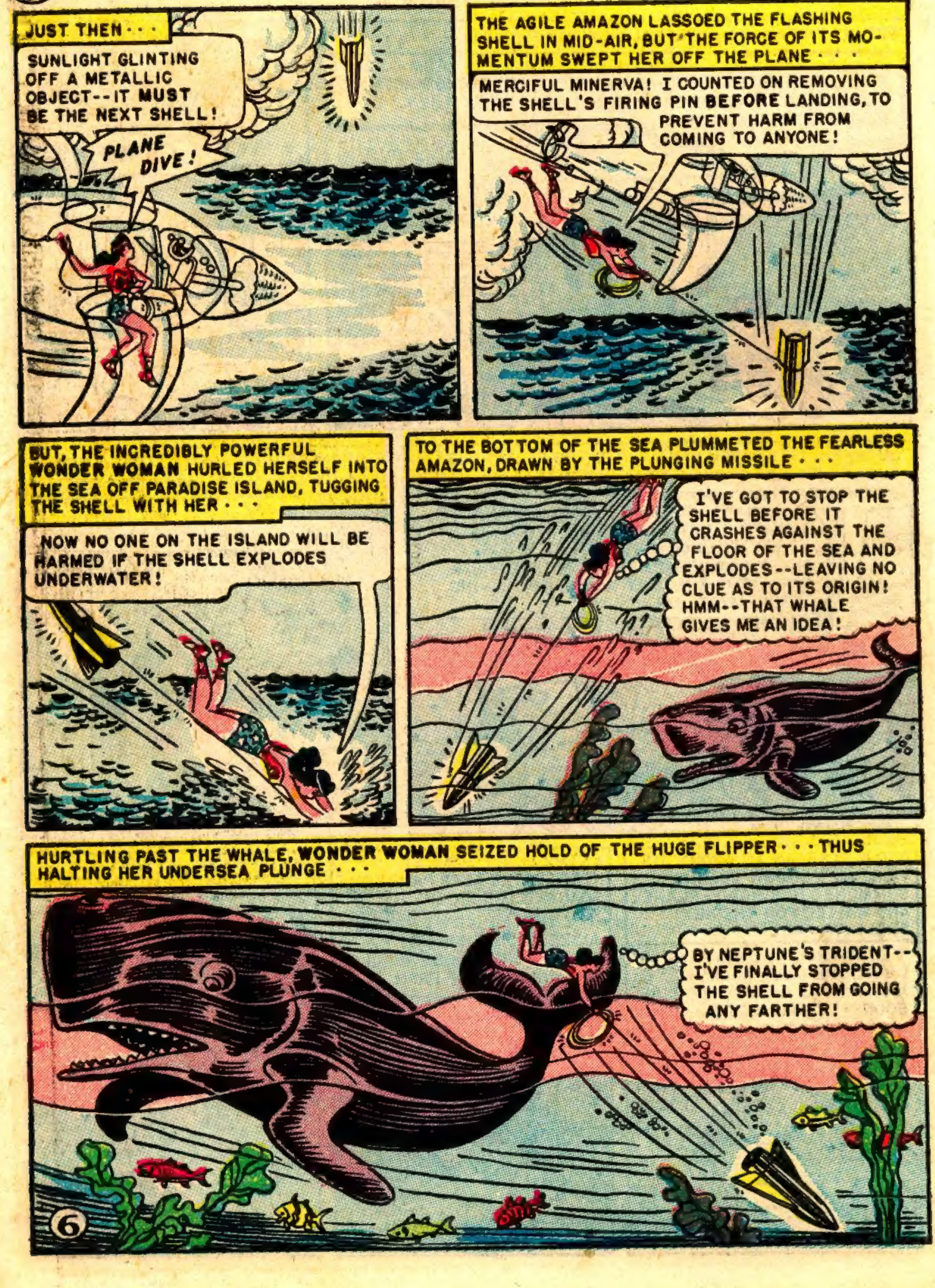
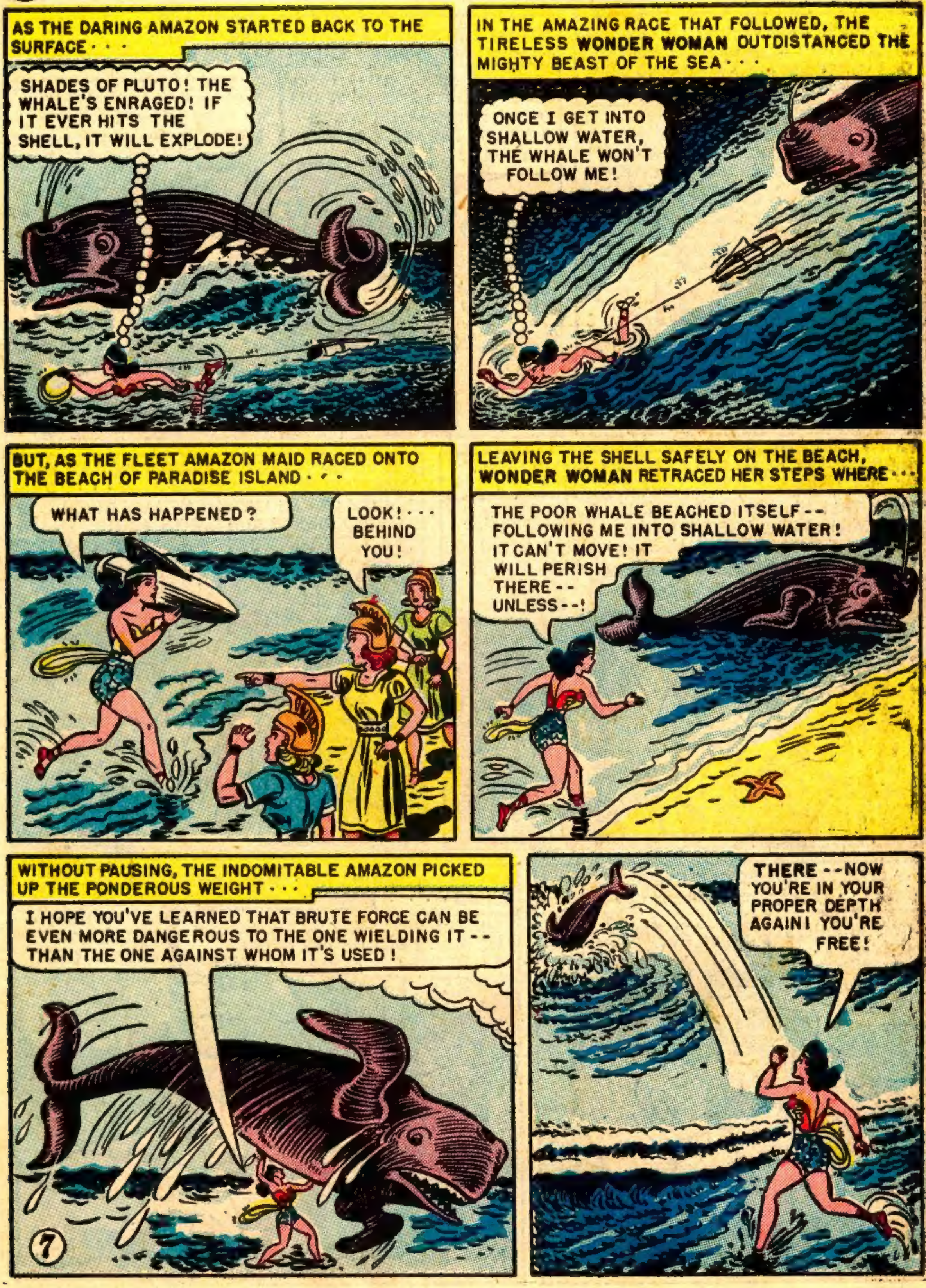
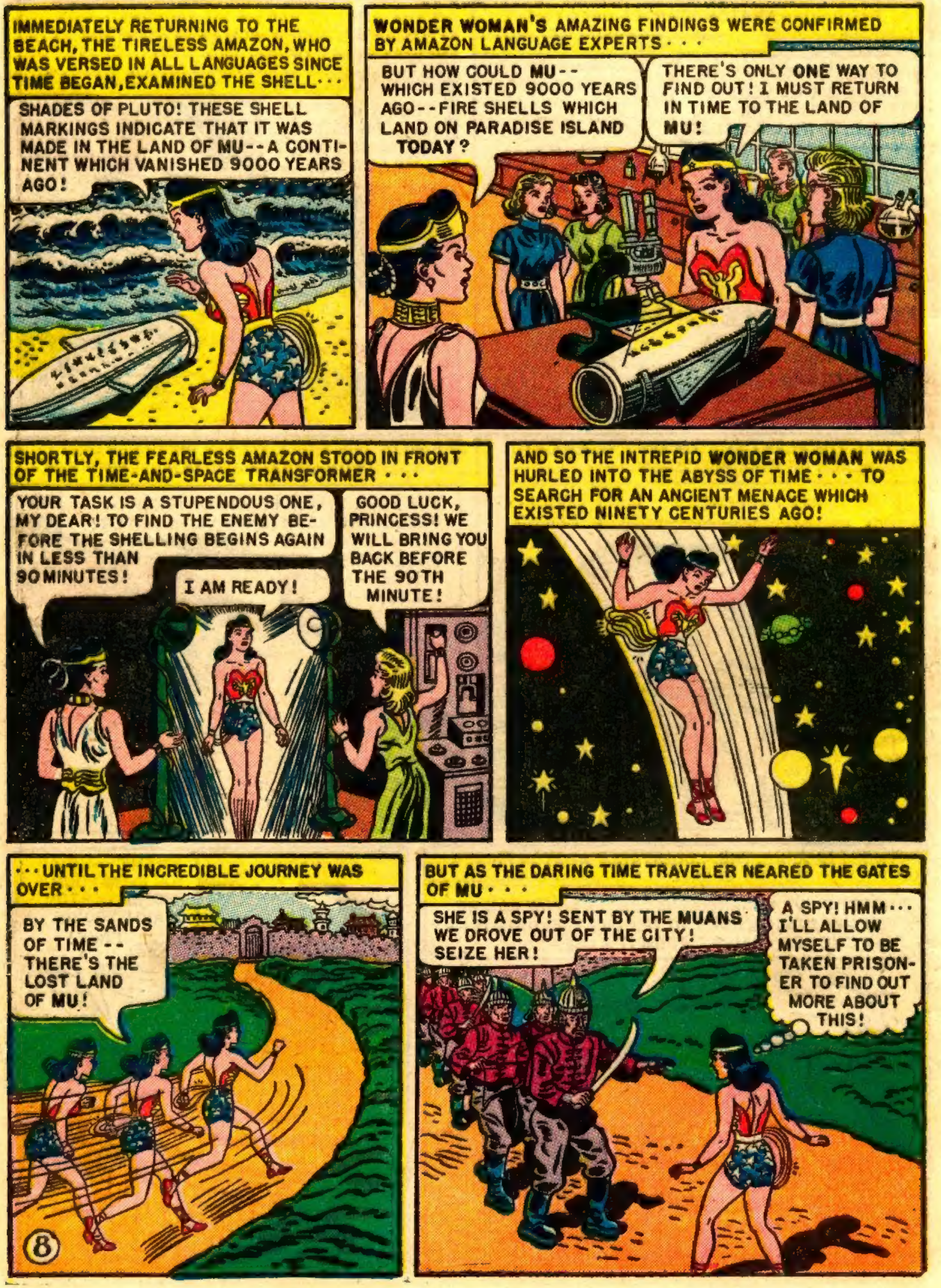
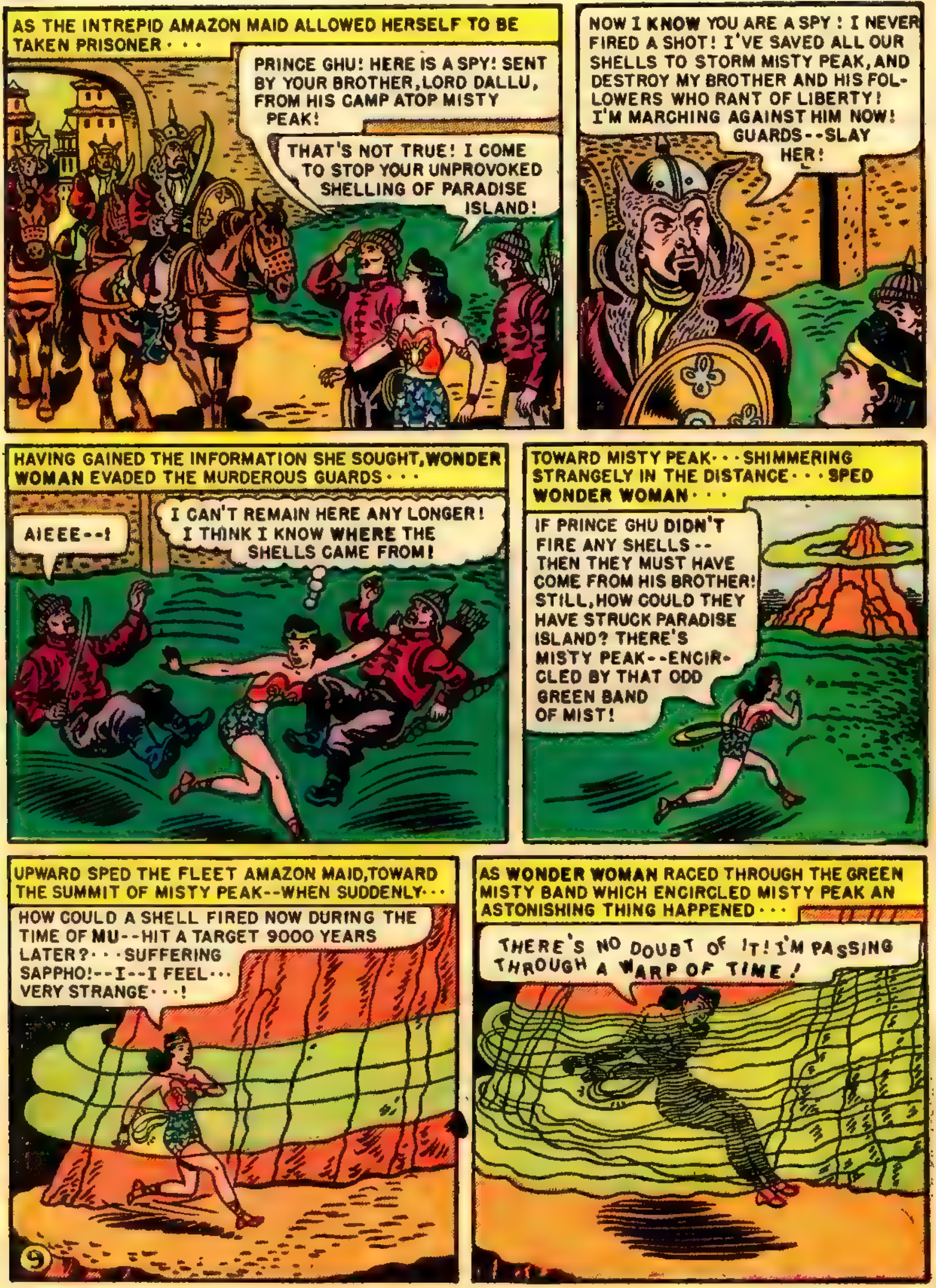
AS QUEEN HIPPOLYTE FINISHED HER STORY . . .
COME, DIANA! OUR CENTRAL RADAR MONITOR STATION SHOULD HAVE A REPORT ON WHERE THE LAST SHELL WAS FIRED FROM!
GOOD! THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN THIS RUTHLESS KILLER!

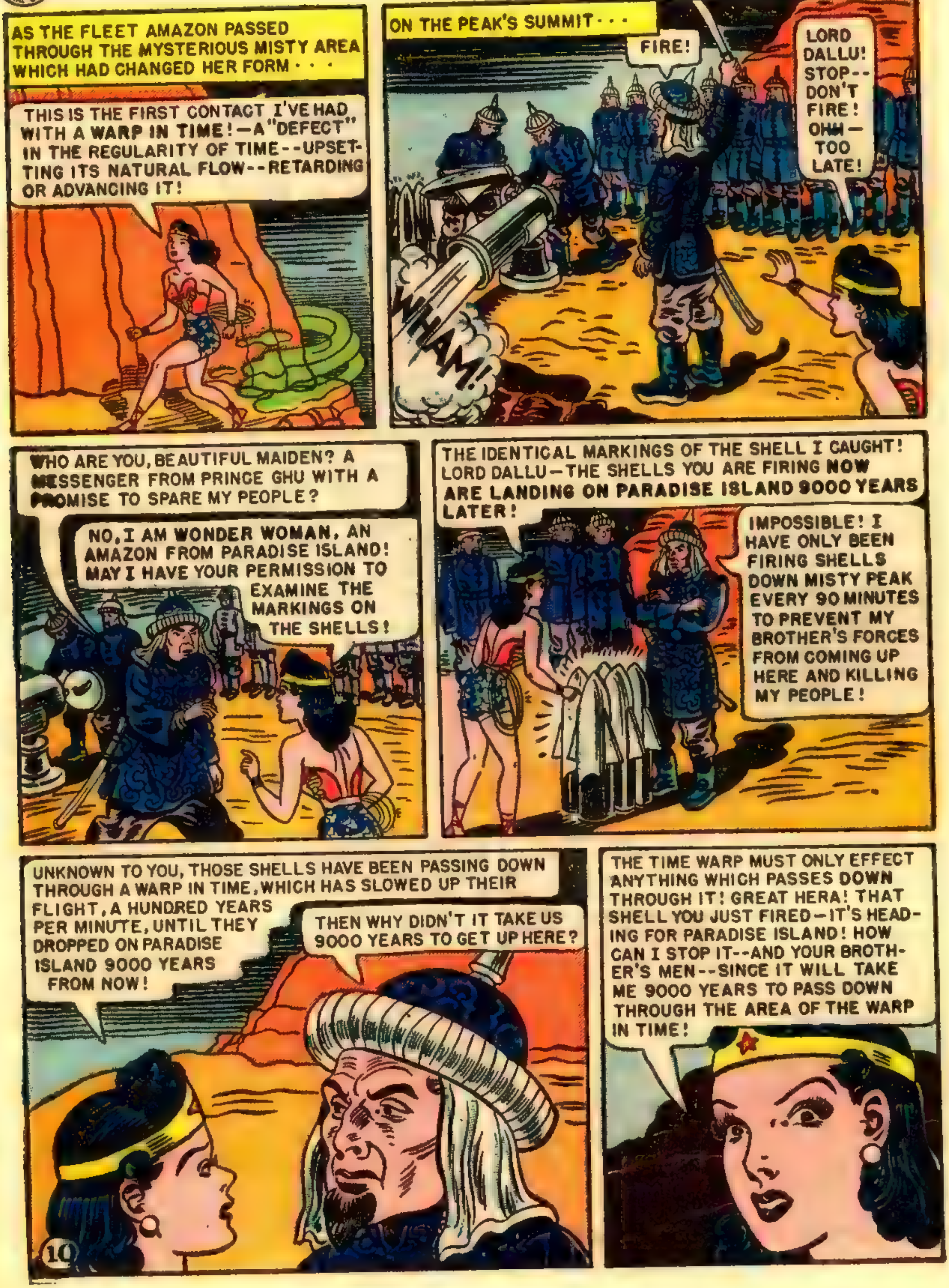

BUT, AT THE AMAZON CENTRAL MONITOR STATION· · ·
QUEEN HIPPOLYTE--IMPOSSIBLE THOUGH IT MAY SEEM--OUR RADAR TRACINGS SHOW THAT THE SHELL COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM THE EARTH NOR FROM ANY OF THE PLANETS OR STARS!
MERCIFUL MINERVA! THEN WHERE DID THE SHELLS COME FROM? WE DIDN'T DREAM ALL THIS!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT! ALL SHELLS HAVE SOME MARKINGS WHICH FURNISH A CLUE TO THE MANUFACTURER! I'LL TRY TO CAPTURE THE NEXT SHELL BEFORE IT EXPLODES!
BUT--PRINCESS! YOU CAN'T--IT'S TOO DANGEROUS! QUEEN HIPPOLYTE! SHE'S YOUR DAUGHTER! YOU CAN'T LET HER DO THIS!
MOTHER, I AM NOT ONLY YOUR DAUGHTER, BUT AN AMAZON! IT IS MY DUTY TO TRY TO UNCOVER THIS EVIL FORCE! I REQUEST PERMISSION TO UNDERTAKE THIS TASK! IT IS THE ONLY MEANS OF SOLVING THIS MYSTERY!
PERMISSION GRANTED! GOOD LUCK··· DAUGHTER · · ·
DON'T WORRY, MOTHER! I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
AND NOW BEGAN AN AGONIZING VIGIL, AS WONDER WOMAN SUMMONED HER ROBOT PLANE AND WAITED FOR THE NEXT SHELL TO FALL · · ·
I'LL PATROL THE AIRWAYS UNTIL THE NEXT SHELL ARRIVES! IT SHOULD BE HERE SOON··IT'S ALMOST 90 MINUTES SINCE THE LAST ONE!
AS THE TENSE MOMENT NEARED, THE ALERT AMAZON SCANNED THE SKIES · · ·
THE SHELLS DIDN'T MATERIALIZE FROM THIN AIR! THEY'RE NOT GHOST SHELLS! THEY MUST COME FROM SOMEWHERE!
BELOW, ANXIOUS EYES FOLLOWED WONDER WOMAN ON HER FATEFUL PATROL · · ·
IT--IT'S THE 90TH MINUTE!
THE SHELL IS DUE!

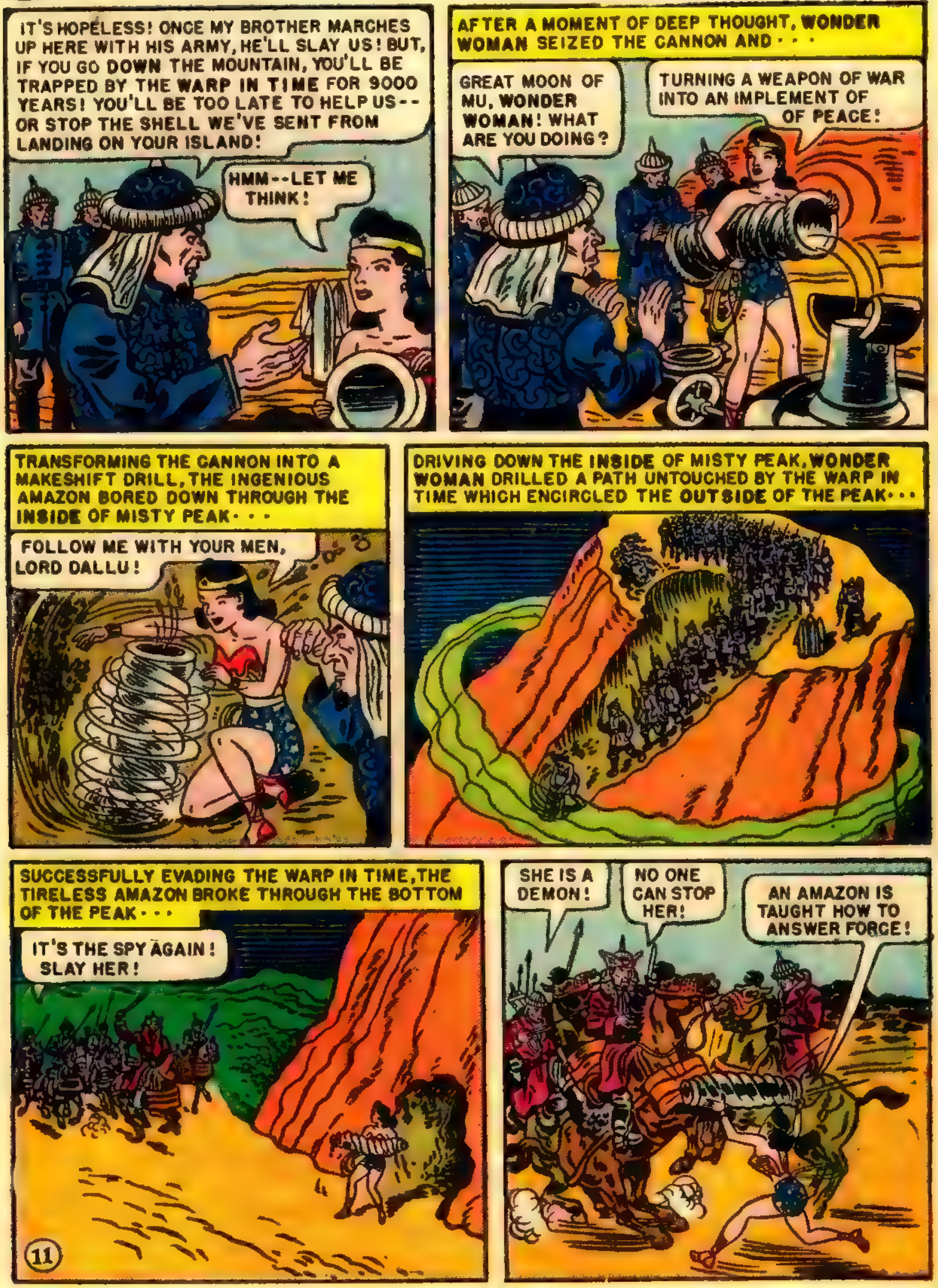

JUST THEN · · ·
SUNLIGHT GLINTING OFF A METALLIC OBJECT--IT MUST BE THE NEXT SHELL!
PLANE DIVE!
THE AGILE AMAZON LASSOED THE FLASHING SHELL IN MID-AIR, BUT THE FORCE OF ITS MOMENTUM SWEPT HER OFF THE PLANE · · ·
MERCIFUL MINERVA! I COUNTED ON REMOVING THE SHELL'S FIRING PIN BEFORE LANDING, TO PREVENT HARM FROM COMING TO ANYONE!
BUT, THE INCREDIBLY POWERFUL WONDER WOMAN HURLED HERSELF INTO THE SEA OFF PARADISE ISLAND, TUGGING THE SHELL WITH HER · · ·
NOW NO ONE ON THE ISLAND WILL BE HARMED IF THE SHELL EXPLODES UNDERWATER!
TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA PLUMMETED THE FEARLESS AMAZON, DRAWN BY THE PLUNGING MISSILE · · ·
I'VE GOT TO STOP THE SHELL BEFORE IT CRASHES AGAINST THE FLOOR OF THE SEA AND EXPLODES--LEAVING NO CLUE AS TO ITS ORIGIN! HMM--THAT WHALE GIVES ME AN IDEA!
HURTLING PAST THE WHALE, WONDER WOMAN SEIZED HOLD OF THE HUGE FLIPPER · · · THUS HALTING HER UNDERSEA PLUNGE · · ·
BY NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT--I'VE FINALLY STOPPED THE SHELL FROM GOING ANY FARTHER!

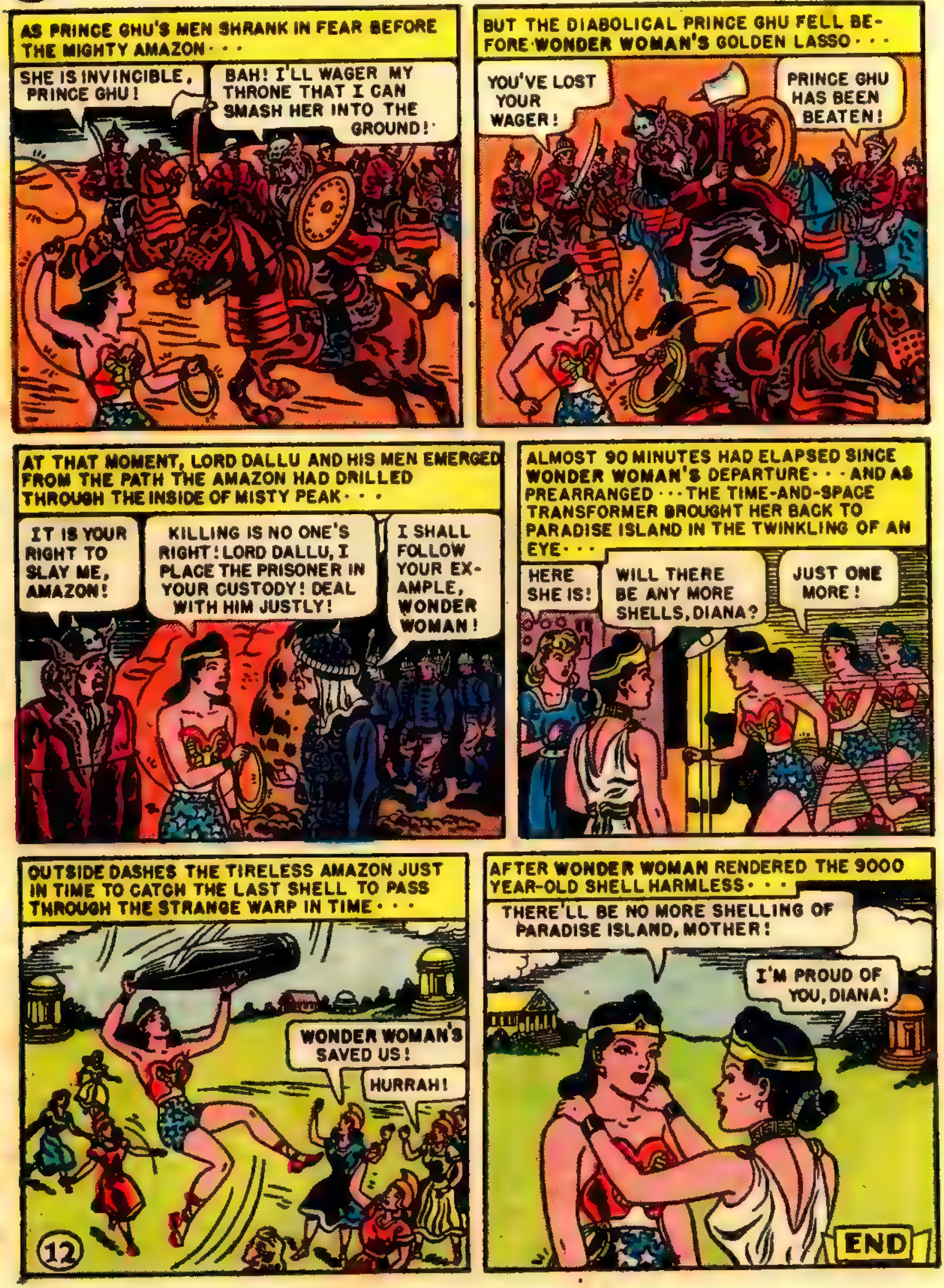

AS THE DARING AMAZON STARTED BACK TO THE SURFACE · · ·
SHADES OF PLUTO! THE WHALE'S ENRAGED! IF IT EVER HITS THE SHELL, IT WILL EXPLODE!
IN THE AMAZING RACE THAT FOLLOWED, THE TIRELESS WONDER WOMAN OUTDISTANCED THE MIGHTY BEAST OF THE SEA · · ·
ONCE I GET INTO SHALLOW WATER, THE WHALE WON'T FOLLOW ME!
BUT, AS THE FLEET AMAZON MAID RACED ONTO THE BEACH OF PARADISE ISLAND · · ·
WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
LOOK! · · · BEHIND YOU!
LEAVING THE SHELL SAFELY ON THE BEACH, WONDER WOMAN RETRACED HER STEPS WHERE · · ·
THE POOR WHALE BEACHED ITSELF -- FOLLOWING ME INTO SHALLOW WATER! IT CAN'T MOVE! IT WILL PERISH THERE -- UNLESS --!
WITHOUT PAUSING, THE INDOMITABLE AMAZON PICKED UP THE PONDEROUS WEIGHT · · ·
I HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED THAT BRUTE FORCE CAN BE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS TO THE ONE WIELDING IT -- THAN THE ONE AGAINST WHOM IT'S USED!
THERE -- NOW YOU'RE IN YOUR PROPER DEPTH AGAIN! YOU'RE FREE!


IMMEDIATELY RETURNING TO THE BEACH, THE TIRELESS AMAZON, WHO WAS VERSED IN ALL LANGUAGES SINCE TIME BEGAN, EXAMINED THE SHELL...
SHADES OF PLUTO! THESE SHELL MARKINGS INDICATE THAT IT WAS MADE IN THE LAND OF MU--A CONTINENT WHICH VANISHED 9000 YEARS AGO!
WONDER WOMAN'S AMAZING FINDINGS WERE CONFIRMED BY AMAZON LANGUAGE EXPERTS...
BUT HOW COULD MU--WHICH EXISTED 9000 YEARS AGO--FIRE SHELLS WHICH LAND ON PARADISE ISLAND TODAY?
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT! I MUST RETURN IN TIME TO THE LAND OF MU!
SHORTLY, THE FEARLESS AMAZON STOOD IN FRONT OF THE TIME-AND-SPACE TRANSFORMER...
YOUR TASK IS A STUPENDOUS ONE, MY DEAR! TO FIND THE ENEMY BEFORE THE SHELLING BEGINS AGAIN IN LESS THAN 90 MINUTES!
I AM READY!
GOOD LUCK, PRINCESS! WE WILL BRING YOU BACK BEFORE THE 90TH MINUTE!
AND SO THE INTREPID WONDER WOMAN WAS HURLED INTO THE ABYSS OF TIME... TO SEARCH FOR AN ANCIENT MENACE WHICH EXISTED NINETY CENTURIES AGO!
...UNTIL THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY WAS OVER...
BY THE SANDS OF TIME--THERE'S THE LOST LAND OF MU!
BUT AS THE DARING TIME TRAVELER NEARED THE GATES OF MU...
SHE IS A SPY! SENT BY THE MUANS WE DROVE OUT OF THE CITY! SEIZE HER!
A SPY! HMM... I'LL ALLOW MYSELF TO BE TAKEN PRISONER TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS!


AS THE INTREPID AMAZON MAID ALLOWED HERSELF TO BE TAKEN PRISONER · · ·
PRINCE GHU! HERE IS A SPY! SENT BY YOUR BROTHER, LORD DALLU, FROM HIS CAMP ATOP MISTY PEAK!
THAT'S NOT TRUE! I COME TO STOP YOUR UNPROVOKED SHELLING OF PARADISE ISLAND!
NOW I KNOW YOU ARE A SPY: I NEVER FIRED A SHOT! I'VE SAVED ALL OUR SHELLS TO STORM MISTY PEAK, AND DESTROY MY BROTHER AND HIS FOLLOWERS WHO RANT OF LIBERTY! I'M MARCHING AGAINST HIM NOW! GUARDS--SLAY HER!
HAVING GAINED THE INFORMATION SHE SOUGHT, WONDER WOMAN EVADED THE MURDEROUS GUARDS · · ·
AIEEE--!
I CAN'T REMAIN HERE ANY LONGER! I THINK I KNOW WHERE THE SHELLS CAME FROM!
TOWARD MISTY PEAK · · · SHIMMERING STRANGELY IN THE DISTANCE · · · SPED WONDER WOMAN · · ·
IF PRINCE GHU DIDN'T FIRE ANY SHELLS -- THEN THEY MUST HAVE COME FROM HIS BROTHER! STILL, HOW COULD THEY HAVE STRUCK PARADISE ISLAND? THERE'S MISTY PEAK--ENCIRCLED BY THAT ODD GREEN BAND OF MIST!
UPWARD SPED THE FLEET AMAZON MAID, TOWARD THE SUMMIT OF MISTY PEAK--WHEN SUDDENLY · · ·
HOW COULD A SHELL FIRED NOW DURING THE TIME OF MU--HIT A TARGET 9000 YEARS LATER? · · · SUFFERING SAPPHO!--I--I FEEL · · · VERY STRANGE · · ·!
AS WONDER WOMAN RACED THROUGH THE GREEN MISTY BAND WHICH ENCIRCLED MISTY PEAK AN ASTONISHING THING HAPPENED · · ·
THERE'S NO DOUBT OF IT! I'M PASSING THROUGH A WARP OF TIME!


AS THE FLEET AMAZON PASSED THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS MISTY AREA WHICH HAD CHANGED HER FORM · · ·
THIS IS THE FIRST CONTACT I'VE HAD WITH A WARP IN TIME! —A "DEFECT" IN THE REGULARITY OF TIME--UPSETTING ITS NATURAL FLOW--RETARDING OR ADVANCING IT!
ON THE PEAK'S SUMMIT · · ·
FIRE!
LORD DALLU! STOP--DON'T FIRE! OHH— TOO LATE!
WHAM!
WHO ARE YOU, BEAUTIFUL MAIDEN? A MESSENGER FROM PRINCE GHU WITH A PROMISE TO SPARE MY PEOPLE?
NO, I AM WONDER WOMAN, AN AMAZON FROM PARADISE ISLAND! MAY I HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO EXAMINE THE MARKINGS ON THE SHELLS!
THE IDENTICAL MARKINGS OF THE SHELL I CAUGHT! LORD DALLU—THE SHELLS YOU ARE FIRING NOW ARE LANDING ON PARADISE ISLAND 9000 YEARS LATER!
IMPOSSIBLE! I HAVE ONLY BEEN FIRING SHELLS DOWN MISTY PEAK EVERY 90 MINUTES TO PREVENT MY BROTHER'S FORCES FROM COMING UP HERE AND KILLING MY PEOPLE!
UNKNOWN TO YOU, THOSE SHELLS HAVE BEEN PASSING DOWN THROUGH A WARP IN TIME, WHICH HAS SLOWED UP THEIR FLIGHT, A HUNDRED YEARS PER MINUTE, UNTIL THEY DROPPED ON PARADISE ISLAND 9000 YEARS FROM NOW!
THEN WHY DIDN'T IT TAKE US 9000 YEARS TO GET UP HERE?
THE TIME WARP MUST ONLY EFFECT ANYTHING WHICH PASSES DOWN THROUGH IT! GREAT HERA! THAT SHELL YOU JUST FIRED—IT'S HEADING FOR PARADISE ISLAND! HOW CAN I STOP IT--AND YOUR BROTHER'S MEN--SINCE IT WILL TAKE ME 9000 YEARS TO PASS DOWN THROUGH THE AREA OF THE WARP IN TIME!


IT'S HOPELESS! ONCE MY BROTHER MARCHES UP HERE WITH HIS ARMY, HE'LL SLAY US! BUT, IF YOU GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN, YOU'LL BE TRAPPED BY THE WARP IN TIME FOR 9000 YEARS! YOU'LL BE TOO LATE TO HELP US--OR STOP THE SHELL WE'VE SENT FROM LANDING ON YOUR ISLAND!
HMM--LET ME THINK!
AFTER A MOMENT OF DEEP THOUGHT, WONDER WOMAN SEIZED THE CANNON AND · · ·
GREAT MOON OF MU, WONDER WOMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TURNING A WEAPON OF WAR INTO AN IMPLEMENT OF OF PEACE!
TRANSFORMING THE CANNON INTO A MAKESHIFT DRILL, THE INGENIOUS AMAZON BORED DOWN THROUGH THE INSIDE OF MISTY PEAK · · ·
FOLLOW ME WITH YOUR MEN, LORD DALLU!
DRIVING DOWN THE INSIDE OF MISTY PEAK, WONDER WOMAN DRILLED A PATH UNTOUCHED BY THE WARP IN TIME WHICH ENCIRCLED THE OUTSIDE OF THE PEAK · · ·
SUCCESSFULLY EVADING THE WARP IN TIME, THE TIRELESS AMAZON BROKE THROUGH THE BOTTOM OF THE PEAK · · ·
IT'S THE SPY AGAIN! SLAY HER!
SHE IS A DEMON!
NO ONE CAN STOP HER!
AN AMAZON IS TAUGHT HOW TO ANSWER FORCE!


AS PRINCE GHU'S MEN SHRANK IN FEAR BEFORE THE MIGHTY AMAZON . . .
SHE IS INVINCIBLE, PRINCE GHU!
BAH! I'LL WAGER MY THRONE THAT I CAN SMASH HER INTO THE GROUND!
BUT THE DIABOLICAL PRINCE GHU FELL BEFORE WONDER WOMAN'S GOLDEN LASSO . . .
YOU'VE LOST YOUR WAGER!
PRINCE GHU HAS BEEN BEATEN!
AT THAT MOMENT, LORD DALLU AND HIS MEN EMERGED FROM THE PATH THE AMAZON HAD DRILLED THROUGH THE INSIDE OF MISTY PEAK . . .
IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO SLAY ME, AMAZON!
KILLING IS NO ONE'S RIGHT! LORD DALLU, I PLACE THE PRISONER IN YOUR CUSTODY! DEAL WITH HIM JUSTLY!
I SHALL FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE, WONDER WOMAN!
ALMOST 90 MINUTES HAD ELAPSED SINCE WONDER WOMAN'S DEPARTURE . . . AND AS PREARRANGED . . . THE TIME-AND-SPACE TRANSFORMER BROUGHT HER BACK TO PARADISE ISLAND IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE . . .
HERE SHE IS!
WILL THERE BE ANY MORE SHELLS, DIANA?
JUST ONE MORE!
OUTSIDE DASHES THE TIRELESS AMAZON JUST IN TIME TO CATCH THE LAST SHELL TO PASS THROUGH THE STRANGE WARP IN TIME . . .
WONDER WOMAN'S SAVED US!
HURRAH!
AFTER WONDER WOMAN RENDERED THE 9000 YEAR-OLD SHELL HARMLESS . . .
THERE'LL BE NO MORE SHELLING OF PARADISE ISLAND, MOTHER!
I'M PROUD OF YOU, DIANA!
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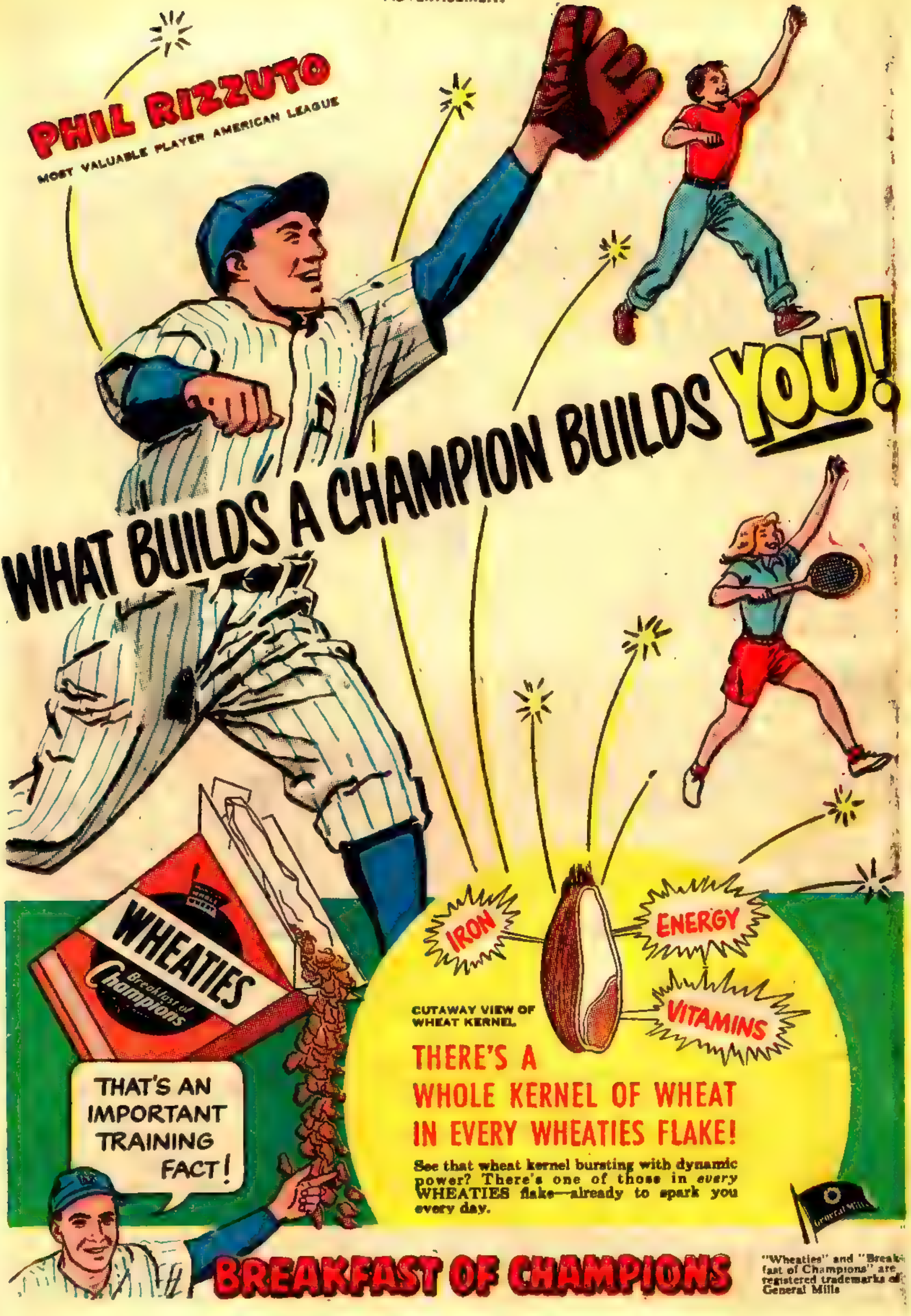
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MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AMERICAN LEAGUE
WHAT BUILDS A CHAMPION BUILDS YOU!
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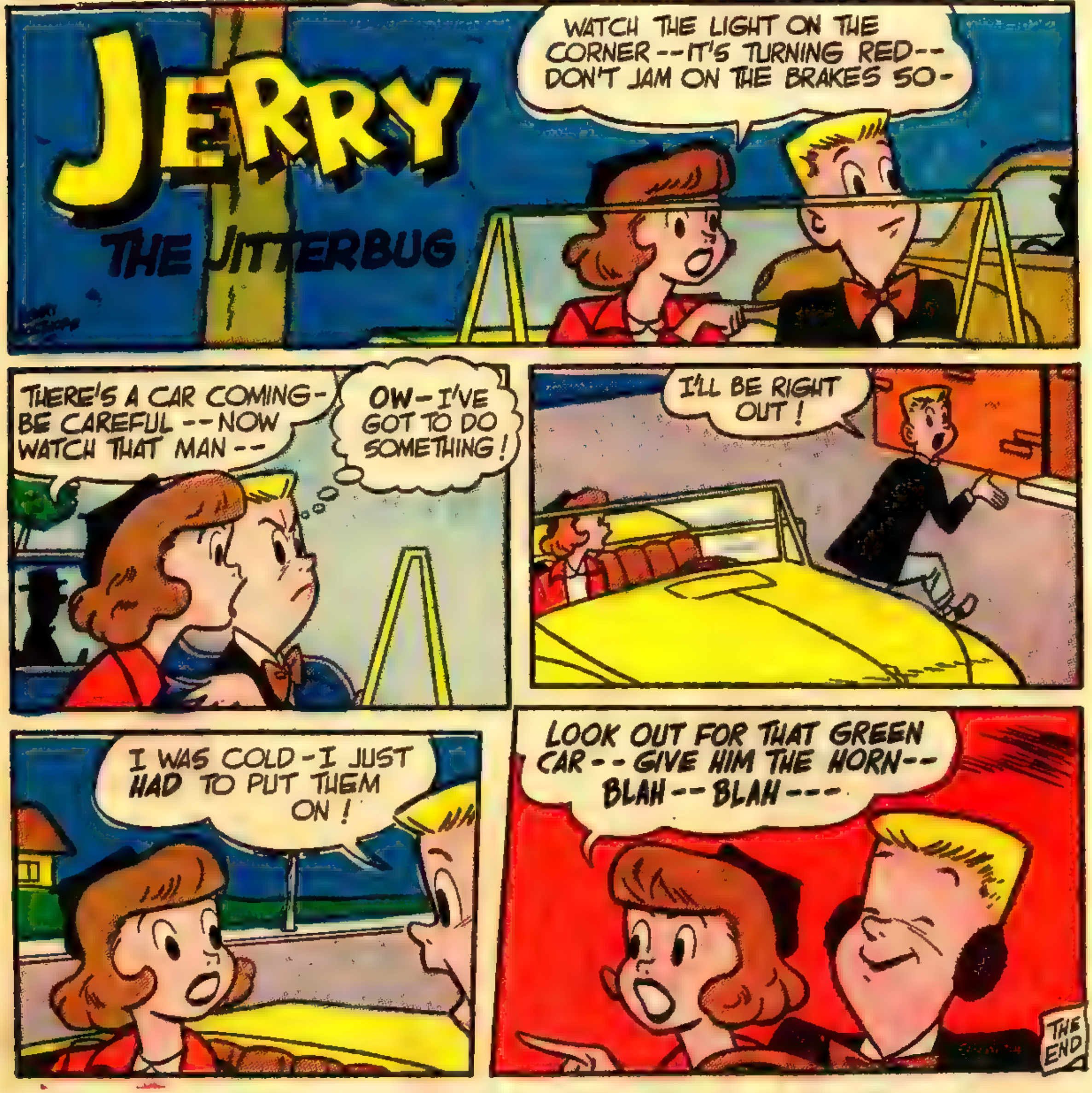
JERRY
THE JITTERBUG
WATCH THE LIGHT ON THE CORNER--IT'S TURNING RED--DON'T JAM ON THE BRAKES SO-
THERE'S A CAR COMING-BE CAREFUL--NOW WATCH THAT MAN--
OW-I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
I'LL BE RIGHT OUT!
I WAS COLD-I JUST HAD TO PUT THEM ON!
LOOK OUT FOR THAT GREEN CAR--GIVE HIM THE HORN--BLAH--BLAH---
THE END

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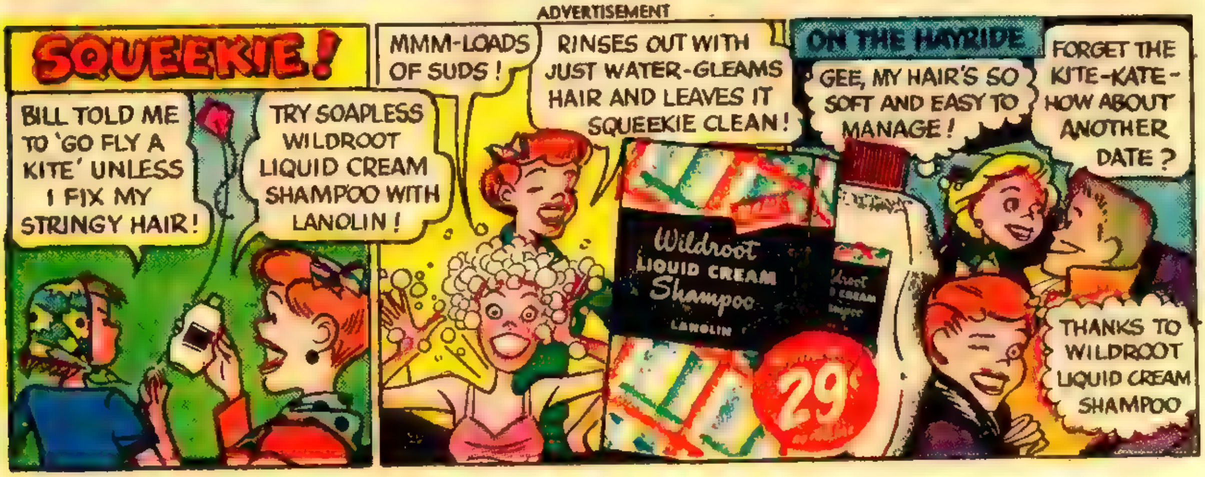
SQUEEKIE!
BILL TOLD ME TO 'GO FLY A KITE' UNLESS I FIX MY STRINGY HAIR!
TRY SOAPLESS WILDROOT LIQUID CREAM SHAMPOO WITH LANOLIN!
MMM-LOADS OF SUDS!
RINSES OUT WITH JUST WATER-GLEAMS HAIR AND LEAVES IT SQUEEKIE CLEAN!
ON THE HAYRIDE
GEE, MY HAIR'S SO SOFT AND EASY TO MANAGE!
FORGET THE KITE-KATE-HOW ABOUT ANOTHER DATE?
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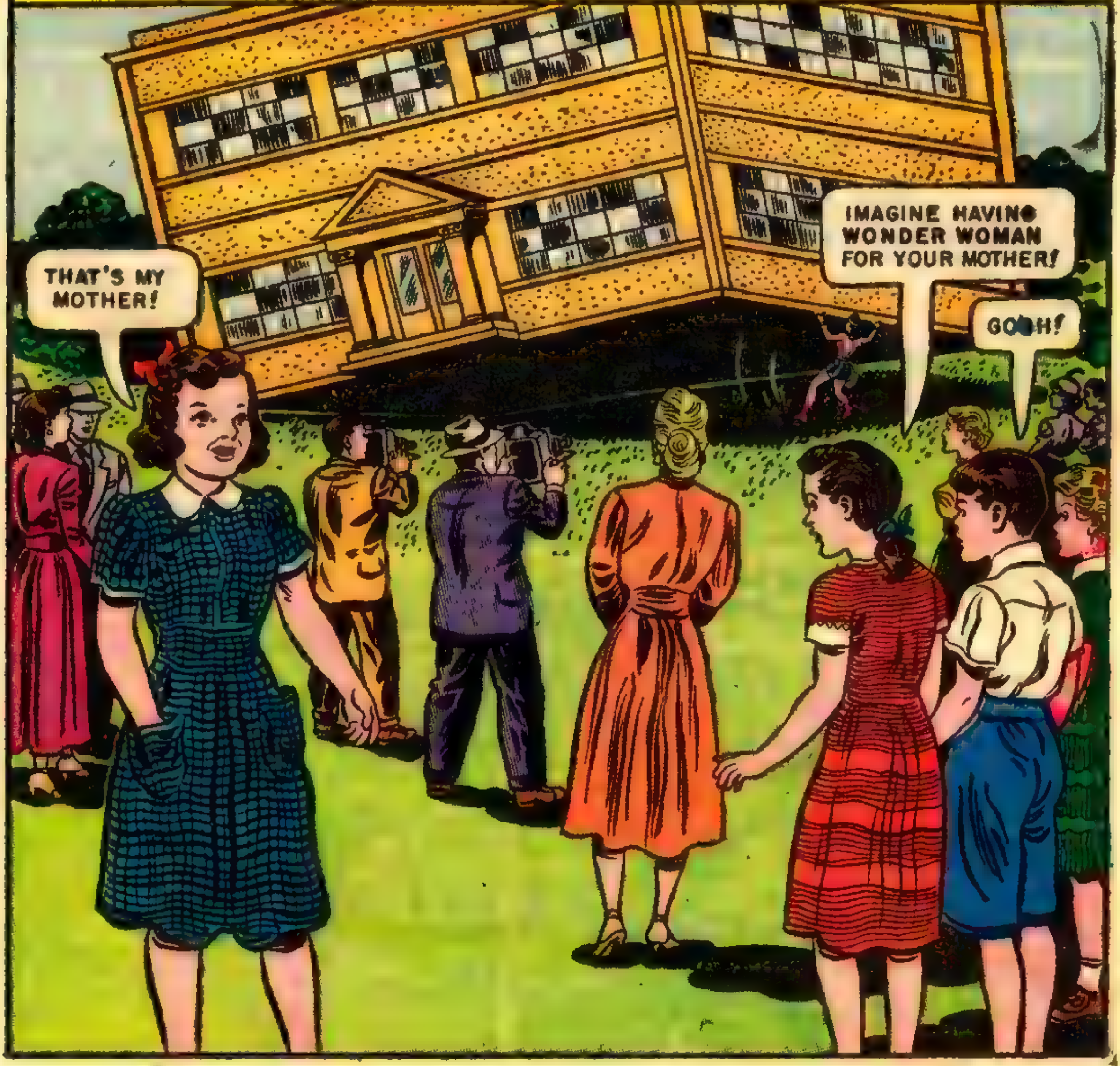
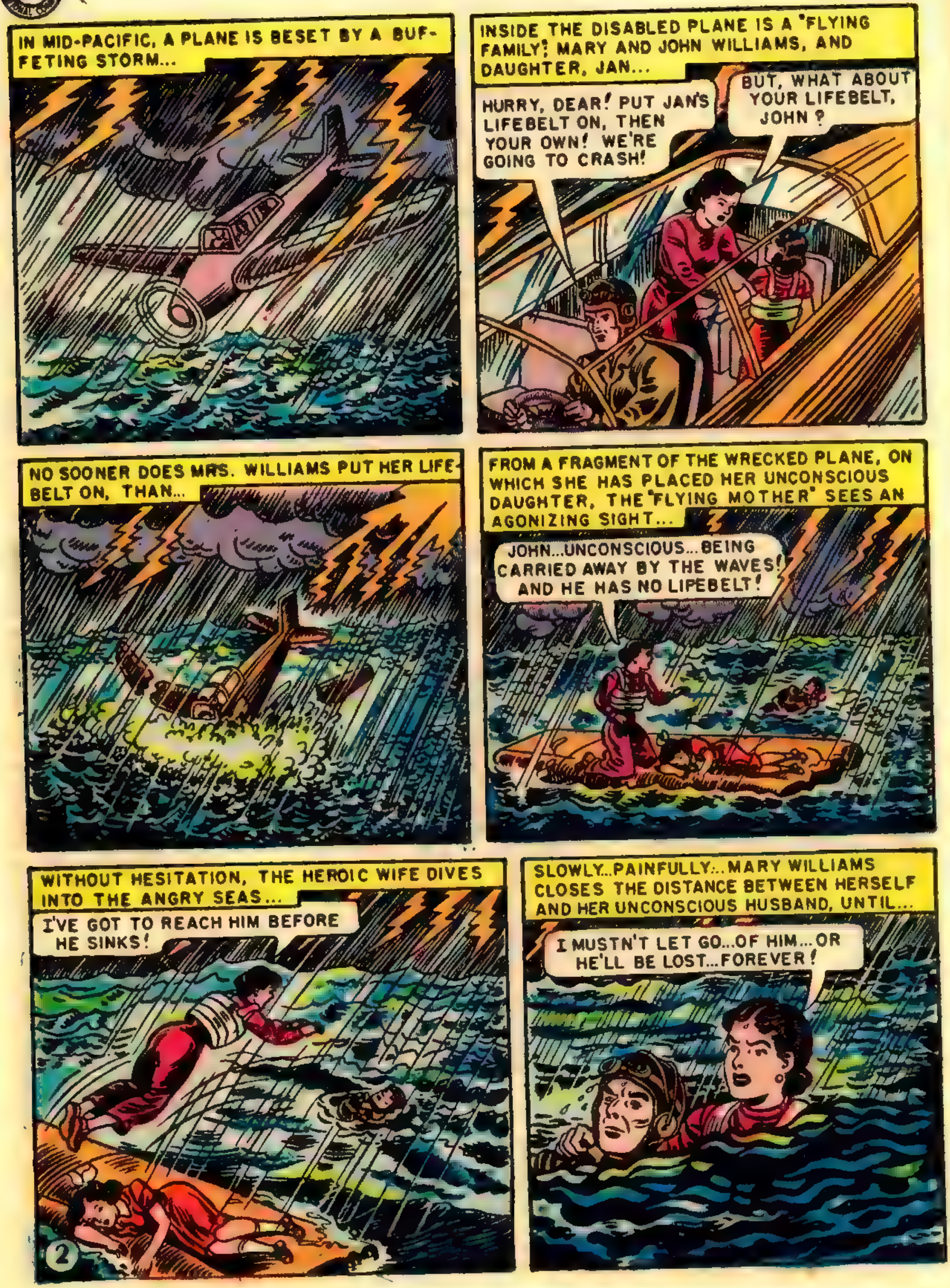
Wonder Woman

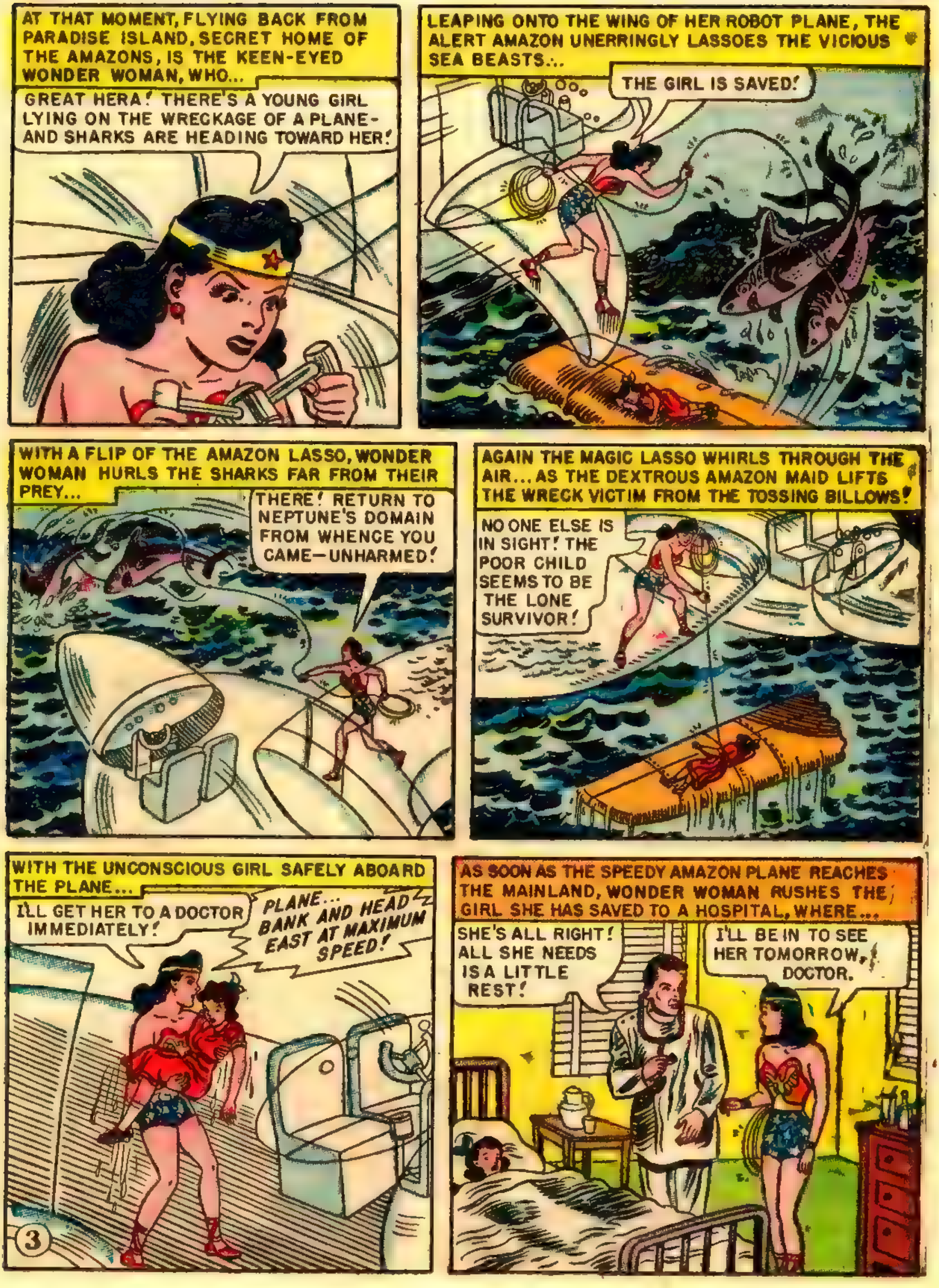
By CHARLES MOULTON

BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY-- WONDER WONDER HAS SUCCESSFULLY COPED WITH CRISES WHICH HAVE STAGGERED WORLDS IN THIS AND OTHER GALAXIES! SHE HAS FOUGHT OVERWHELMING ODDS AND SOLVED COUNTLESS DILEMMAS! BUT NOW, THE LOVELY AMAZON IS CONFRONTED WITH A RESPONSIBILITY SHE HAD LEAST EXPECTED, WHEN SHE ASSUMES THE ROLE OF MOTHER TO.....

"LITTLE MISS WONDER WOMAN!"


THAT'S MY MOTHER!
IMAGINE HAVING WONDER WOMAN FOR YOUR MOTHER!
GOSH!


IN MID-PACIFIC, A PLANE IS BESET BY A BUFFETING STORM...
INSIDE THE DISABLED PLANE IS A "FLYING FAMILY": MARY AND JOHN WILLIAMS, AND DAUGHTER, JAN...
HURRY, DEAR! PUT JAN'S LIFEBELT ON, THEN YOUR OWN! WE'RE GOING TO CRASH!
BUT, WHAT ABOUT YOUR LIFEBELT, JOHN ?
NO SOONER DOES MRS. WILLIAMS PUT HER LIFEBELT ON, THAN...
FROM A FRAGMENT OF THE WRECKED PLANE, ON WHICH SHE HAS PLACED HER UNCONSCIOUS DAUGHTER, THE "FLYING MOTHER" SEES AN AGONIZING SIGHT...
JOHN...UNCONSCIOUS...BEING CARRIED AWAY BY THE WAVES! AND HE HAS NO LIFEBELT!
WITHOUT HESITATION, THE HEROIC WIFE DIVES INTO THE ANGRY SEAS...
I'VE GOT TO REACH HIM BEFORE HE SINKS!
SLOWLY...PAINFULLY... MARY WILLIAMS CLOSES THE DISTANCE BETWEEN HERSELF AND HER UNCONSCIOUS HUSBAND, UNTIL...
I MUSTN'T LET GO...OF HIM...OR HE'LL BE LOST...FOREVER!


AT THAT MOMENT, FLYING BACK FROM PARADISE ISLAND, SECRET HOME OF THE AMAZONS, IS THE KEEN-EYED WONDER WOMAN, WHO...
GREAT HERA! THERE'S A YOUNG GIRL LYING ON THE WRECKAGE OF A PLANE-AND SHARKS ARE HEADING TOWARD HER!
LEAPING ONTO THE WING OF HER ROBOT PLANE, THE ALERT AMAZON UNERRINGLY LASSOES THE VICIOUS SEA BEASTS...
THE GIRL IS SAVED!
WITH A FLIP OF THE AMAZON LASSO, WONDER WOMAN HURLS THE SHARKS FAR FROM THEIR PREY...
THERE! RETURN TO NEPTUNE'S DOMAIN FROM WHENCE YOU CAME—UNHARMED!
AGAIN THE MAGIC LASSO WHIRLS THROUGH THE AIR... AS THE DEXTROUS AMAZON MAID LIFTS THE WRECK VICTIM FROM THE TOSSING BILLOWS!
NO ONE ELSE IS IN SIGHT! THE POOR CHILD SEEMS TO BE THE LONE SURVIVOR!
WITH THE UNCONSCIOUS GIRL SAFELY ABOARD THE PLANE...
I'LL GET HER TO A DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY!
PLANE... BANK AND HEAD EAST AT MAXIMUM SPEED!
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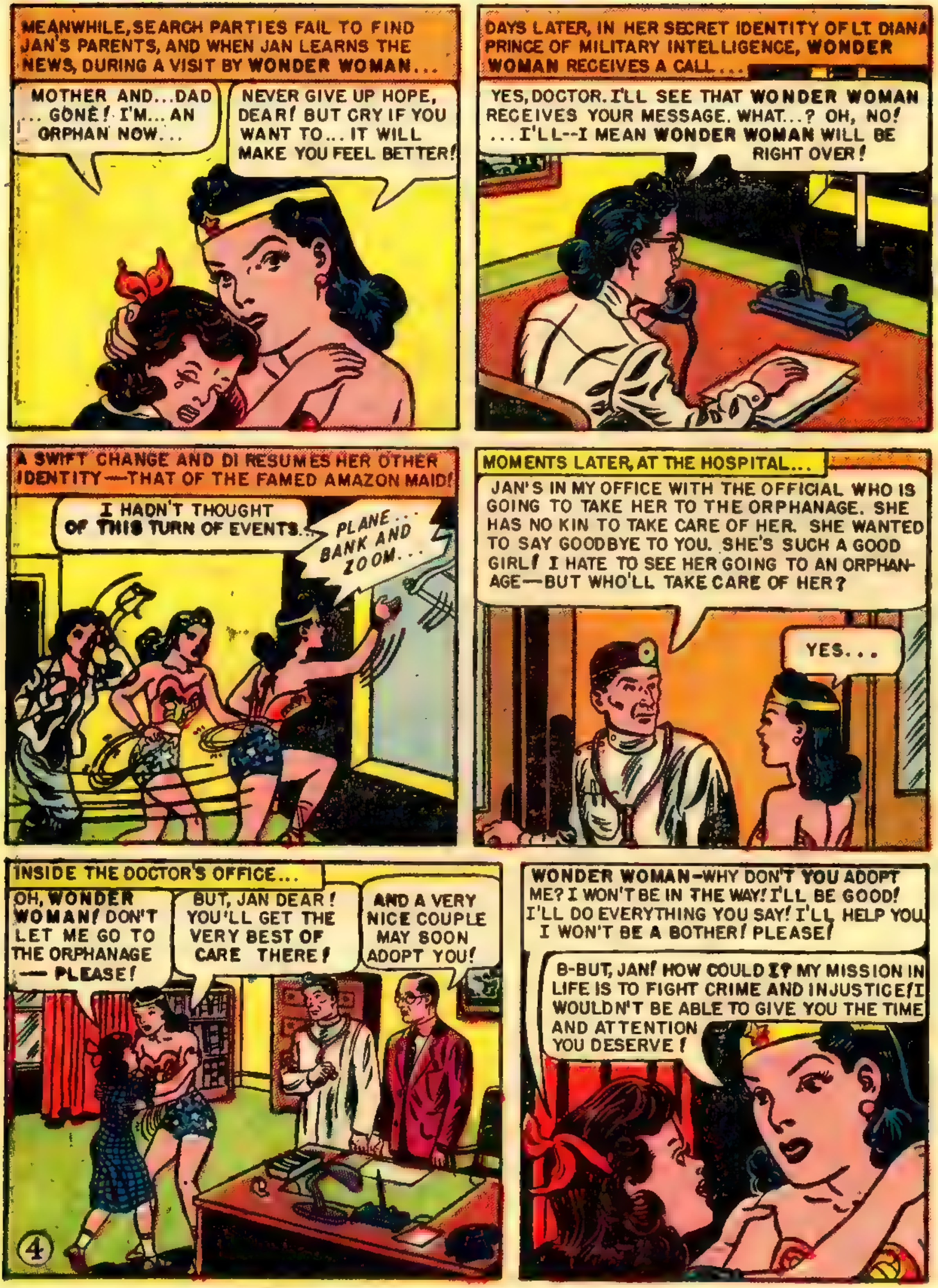
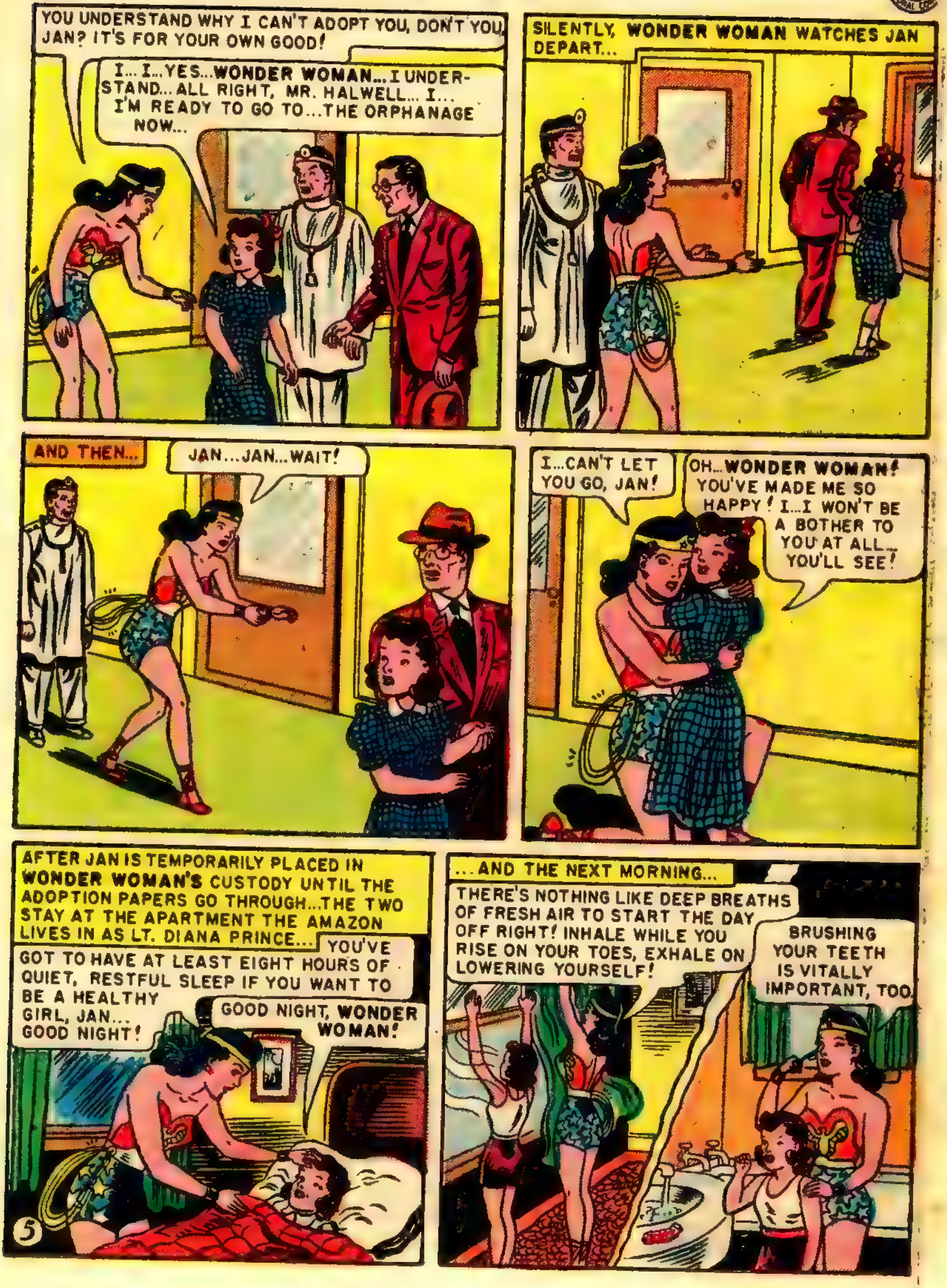
AS SOON AS THE SPEEDY AMAZON PLANE REACHES THE MAINLAND, WONDER WOMAN RUSHES THE GIRL SHE HAS SAVED TO A HOSPITAL, WHERE...
SHE'S ALL RIGHT! ALL SHE NEEDS IS A LITTLE REST!
I'LL BE IN TO SEE HER TOMORROW, DOCTOR.


MEANWHILE, SEARCH PARTIES FAIL TO FIND JAN'S PARENTS, AND WHEN JAN LEARNS THE NEWS, DURING A VISIT BY WONDER WOMAN...
MOTHER AND...DAD ...GONE! I'M...AN ORPHAN NOW...
NEVER GIVE UP HOPE, DEAR! BUT CRY IF YOU WANT TO...IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER!
DAYS LATER, IN HER SECRET IDENTITY OF LT. DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, WONDER WOMAN RECEIVES A CALL...
YES, DOCTOR. I'LL SEE THAT WONDER WOMAN RECEIVES YOUR MESSAGE. WHAT...? OH, NO! ...I'LL--I MEAN WONDER WOMAN WILL BE RIGHT OVER!
A SWIFT CHANGE AND DI RESUMES HER OTHER IDENTITY—THAT OF THE FAMED AMAZON MAID!
I HADN'T THOUGHT OF THIS TURN OF EVENTS...
PLANE... BANK AND ZOOM...
MOMENTS LATER, AT THE HOSPITAL...
JAN'S IN MY OFFICE WITH THE OFFICIAL WHO IS GOING TO TAKE HER TO THE ORPHANAGE. SHE HAS NO KIN TO TAKE CARE OF HER. SHE WANTED TO SAY GOODBYE TO YOU. SHE'S SUCH A GOOD GIRL! I HATE TO SEE HER GOING TO AN ORPHANAGE—BUT WHO'LL TAKE CARE OF HER?
YES...
INSIDE THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE...
OH, WONDER WOMAN! DON'T LET ME GO TO THE ORPHANAGE —PLEASE!
BUT, JAN DEAR! YOU'LL GET THE VERY BEST OF CARE THERE!
AND A VERY NICE COUPLE MAY SOON ADOPT YOU!
WONDER WOMAN—WHY DON'T YOU ADOPT ME? I WON'T BE IN THE WAY! I'LL BE GOOD! I'LL DO EVERYTHING YOU SAY! I'LL HELP YOU. I WON'T BE A BOTHER! PLEASE!
B-BUT, JAN! HOW COULD I? MY MISSION IN LIFE IS TO FIGHT CRIME AND INJUSTICE! I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE TIME AND ATTENTION YOU DESERVE!


YOU UNDERSTAND WHY I CAN'T ADOPT YOU, DON'T YOU, JAN? IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
I... I...YES...WONDER WOMAN...I UNDERSTAND...ALL RIGHT, MR. HALWELL... I... I'M READY TO GO TO...THE ORPHANAGE NOW...
SILENTLY, WONDER WOMAN WATCHES JAN DEPART...
AND THEN...
JAN...JAN...WAIT!
I...CAN'T LET YOU GO, JAN!
OH...WONDER WOMAN! YOU'VE MADE ME SO HAPPY! I...I WON'T BE A BOTHER TO YOU AT ALL... YOU'LL SEE!
AFTER JAN IS TEMPORARILY PLACED IN WONDER WOMAN'S CUSTODY UNTIL THE ADOPTION PAPERS GO THROUGH...THE TWO STAY AT THE APARTMENT THE AMAZON LIVES IN AS LT. DIANA PRINCE...
YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE AT LEAST EIGHT HOURS OF QUIET, RESTFUL SLEEP IF YOU WANT TO BE A HEALTHY GIRL, JAN... GOOD NIGHT!
GOOD NIGHT, WONDER WOMAN!
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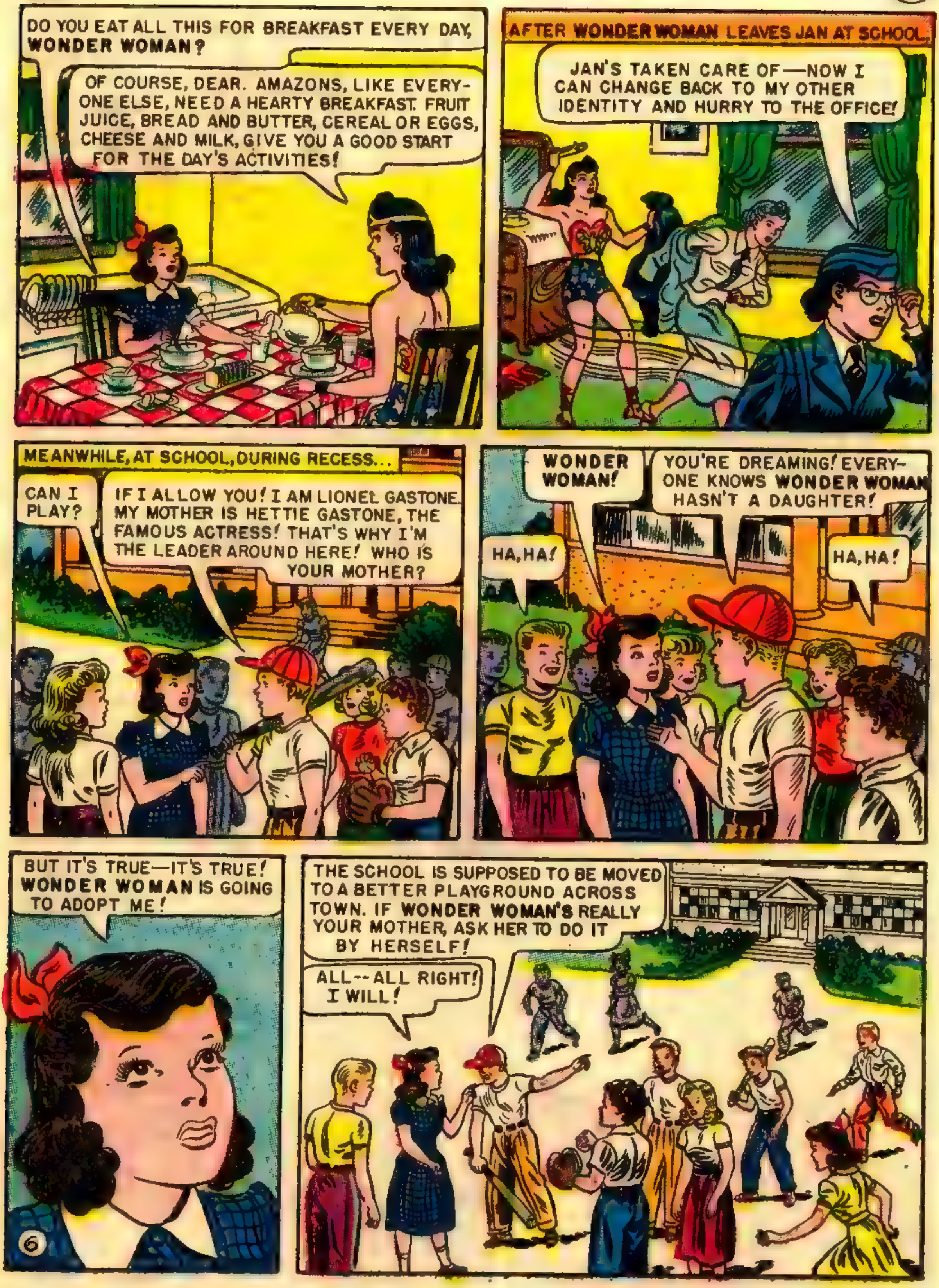
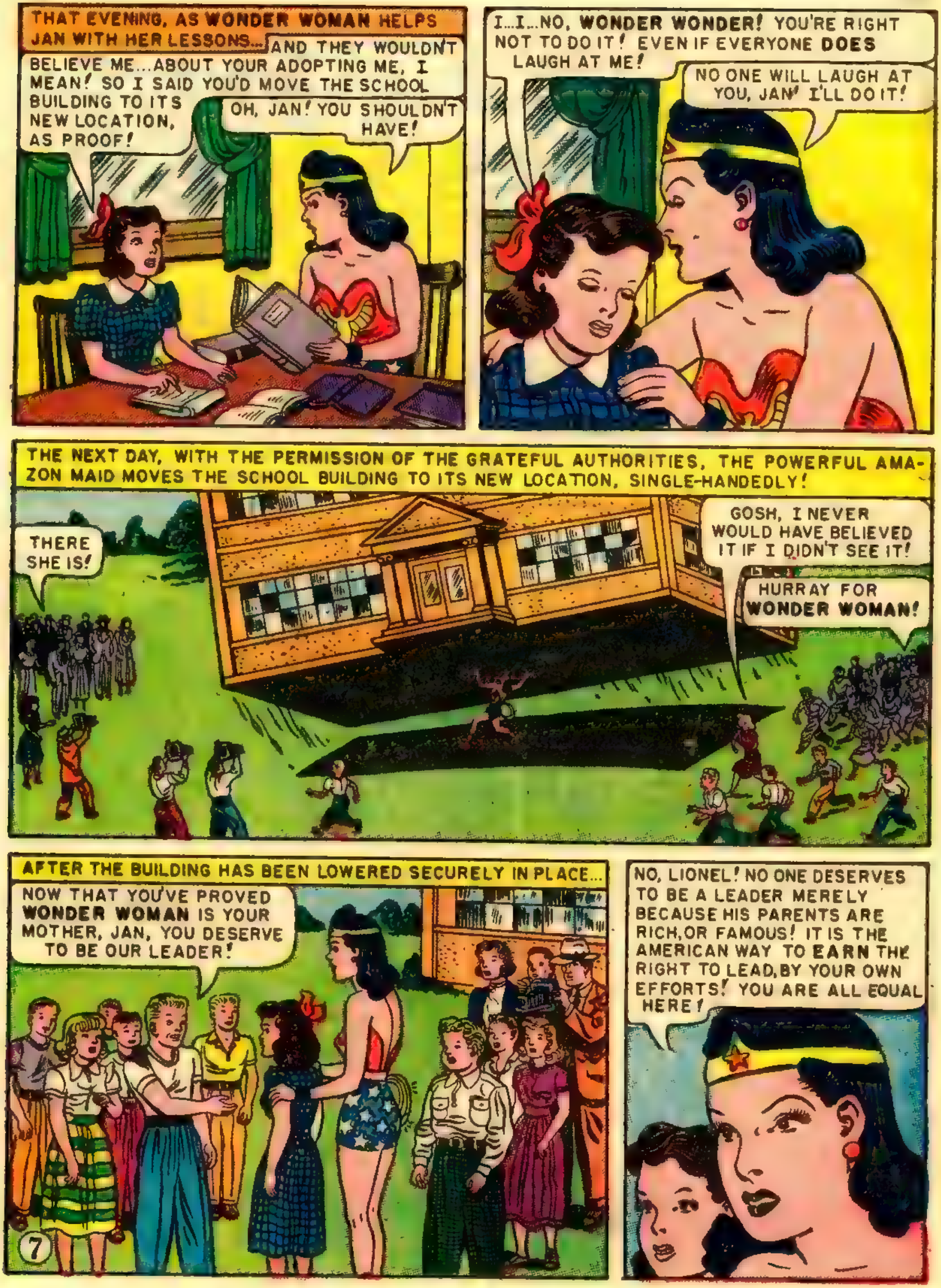
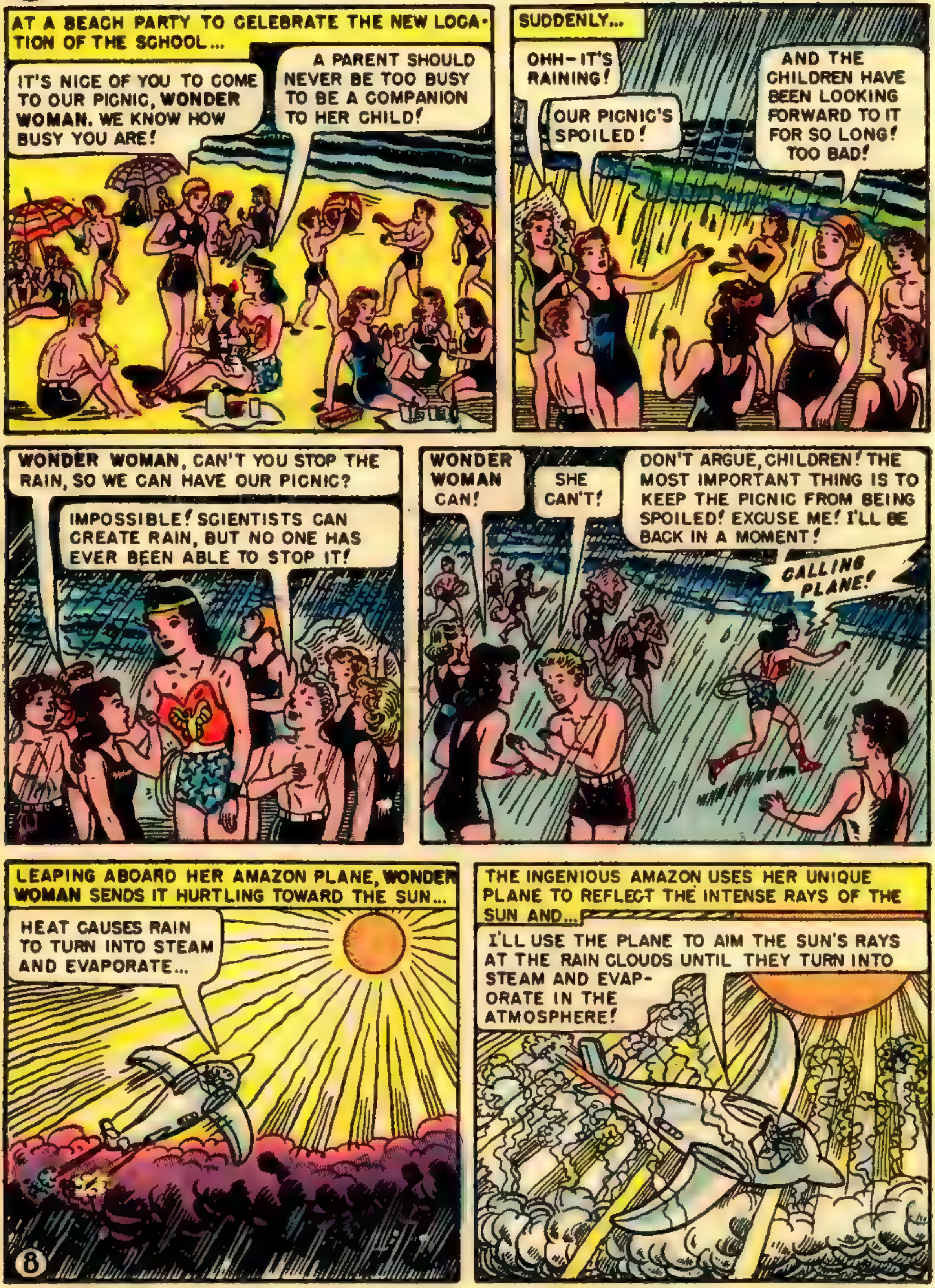
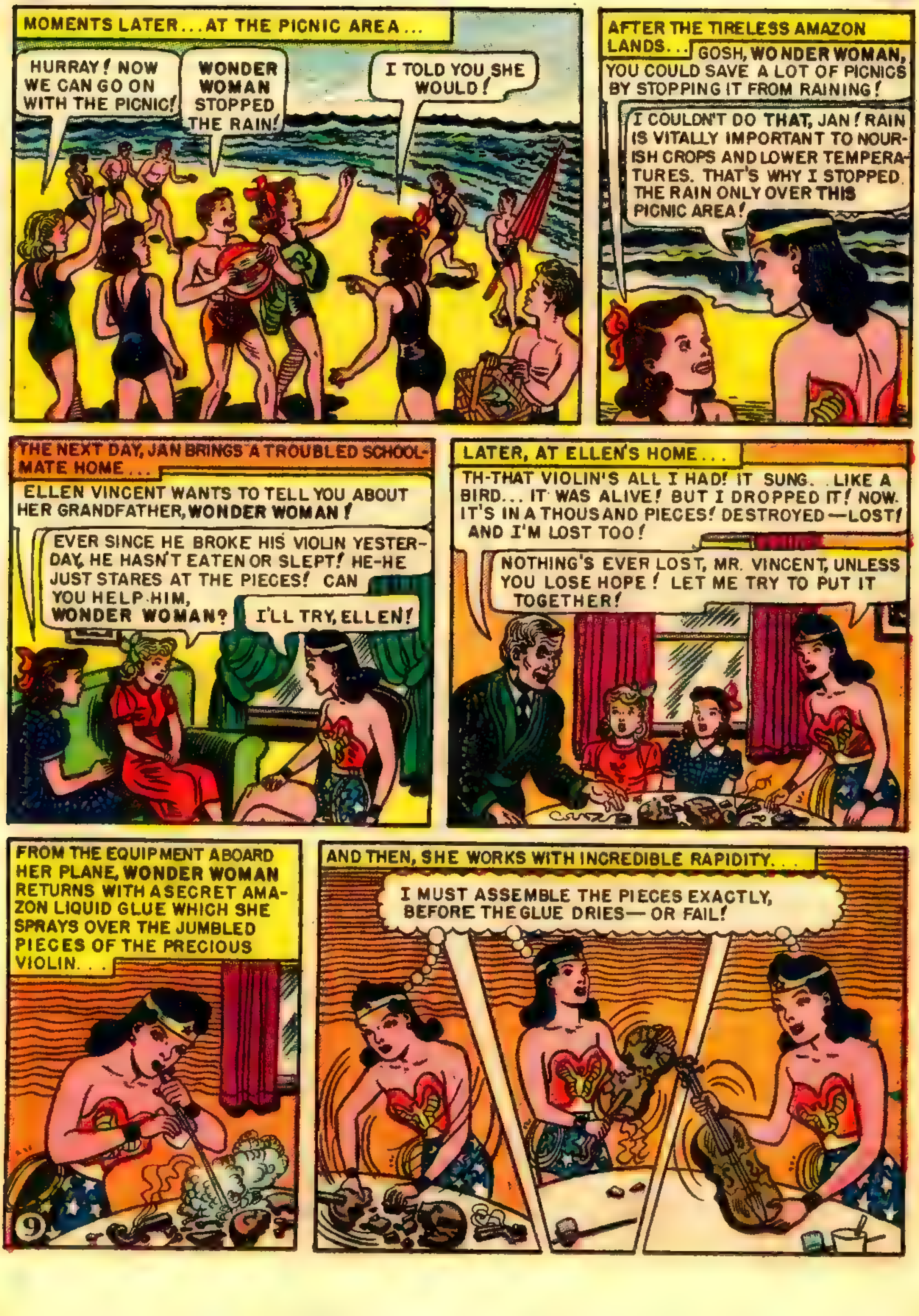
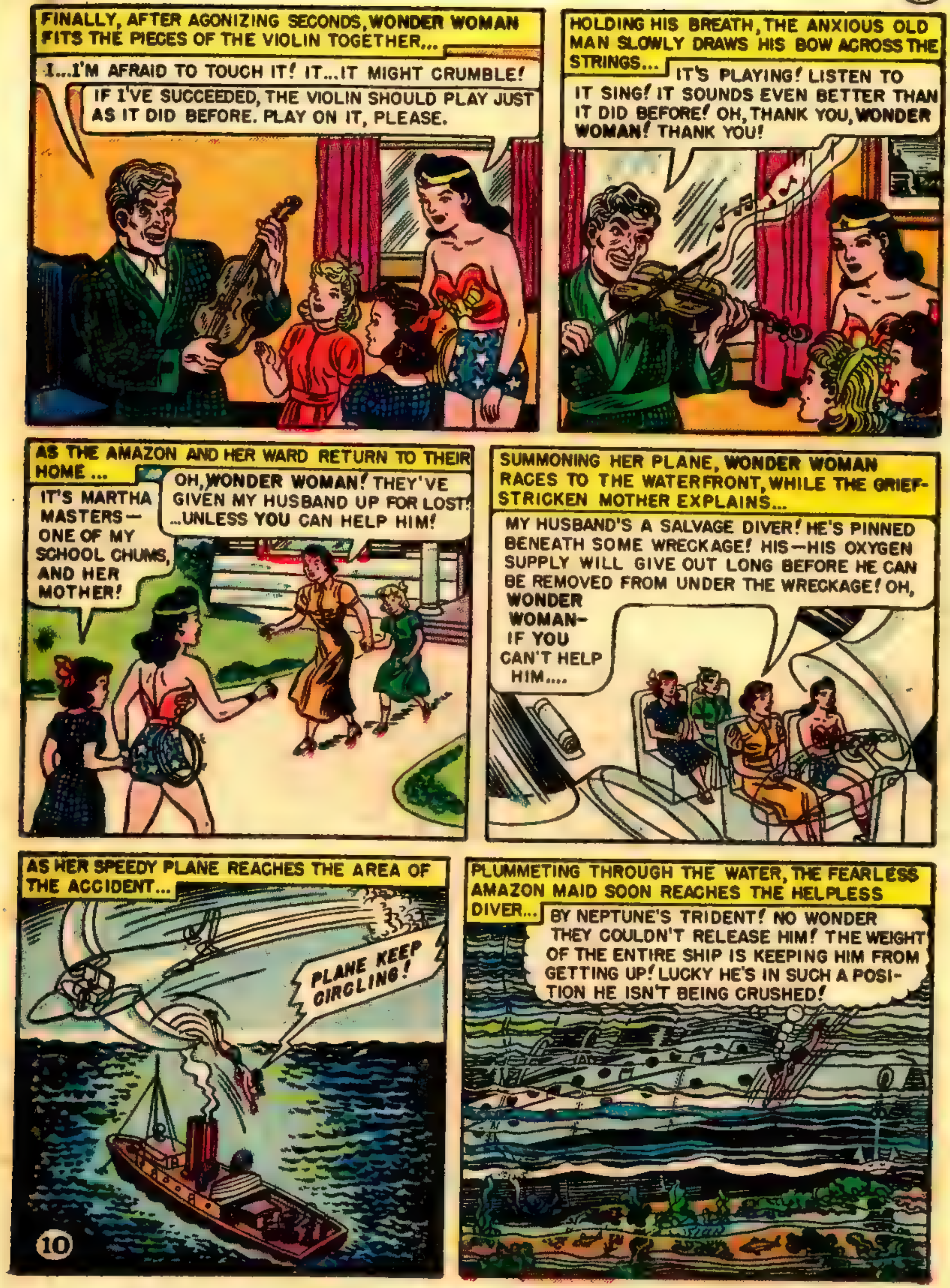
...AND THE NEXT MORNING...
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE DEEP BREATHS OF FRESH AIR TO START THE DAY OFF RIGHT! INHALE WHILE YOU RISE ON YOUR TOES, EXHALE ON LOWERING YOURSELF!
BRUSHING YOUR TEETH IS VITALLY IMPORTANT, TOO.


DO YOU EAT ALL THIS FOR BREAKFAST EVERY DAY, **WONDER WOMAN**?
OF COURSE, DEAR. AMAZONS, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, NEED A HEARTY BREAKFAST. FRUIT JUICE, BREAD AND BUTTER, CEREAL OR EGGS, CHEESE AND MILK, GIVE YOU A GOOD START FOR THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES!
AFTER WONDER WOMAN LEAVES JAN AT SCHOOL.
JAN'S TAKEN CARE OF—NOW I CAN CHANGE BACK TO MY OTHER IDENTITY AND HURRY TO THE OFFICE!
MEANWHILE, AT SCHOOL, DURING RECESS...
CAN I PLAY?
IF I ALLOW YOU! I AM LIONEL GASTONE. MY MOTHER IS HETTIE GASTONE, THE FAMOUS ACTRESS! THAT'S WHY I'M THE LEADER AROUND HERE! WHO IS YOUR MOTHER?
WONDER WOMAN!
YOU'RE DREAMING! EVERYONE KNOWS **WONDER WOMAN** HASN'T A DAUGHTER!
HA, HA!
HA, HA!
BUT IT'S TRUE—IT'S TRUE! **WONDER WOMAN** IS GOING TO ADOPT ME!
THE SCHOOL IS SUPPOSED TO BE MOVED TO A BETTER PLAYGROUND ACROSS TOWN. IF **WONDER WOMAN'S** REALLY YOUR MOTHER, ASK HER TO DO IT BY HERSELF!
ALL--ALL RIGHT! I WILL!


THAT EVENING, AS WONDER WOMAN HELPS JAN WITH HER LESSONS...
AND THEY WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME...ABOUT YOUR ADOPTING ME, I MEAN! SO I SAID YOU'D MOVE THE SCHOOL BUILDING TO ITS NEW LOCATION, AS PROOF!
OH, JAN! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE!
I...I...NO, WONDER WONDER! YOU'RE RIGHT NOT TO DO IT! EVEN IF EVERYONE DOES LAUGH AT ME!
NO ONE WILL LAUGH AT YOU, JAN! I'LL DO IT!
THE NEXT DAY, WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE GRATEFUL AUTHORITIES, THE POWERFUL AMAZON MAID MOVES THE SCHOOL BUILDING TO ITS NEW LOCATION, SINGLE-HANDEDLY!
THERE SHE IS!
GOSH, I NEVER WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT IF I DIDN'T SEE IT!
HURRAY FOR WONDER WOMAN!
AFTER THE BUILDING HAS BEEN LOWERED SECURELY IN PLACE...
NOW THAT YOU'VE PROVED WONDER WOMAN IS YOUR MOTHER, JAN, YOU DESERVE TO BE OUR LEADER!
NO, LIONEL! NO ONE DESERVES TO BE A LEADER MERELY BECAUSE HIS PARENTS ARE RICH, OR FAMOUS! IT IS THE AMERICAN WAY TO EARN THE RIGHT TO LEAD, BY YOUR OWN EFFORTS! YOU ARE ALL EQUAL HERE!


AT A BEACH PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE NEW LOCATION OF THE SCHOOL...
IT'S NICE OF YOU TO COME TO OUR PICNIC, WONDER WOMAN. WE KNOW HOW BUSY YOU ARE!
A PARENT SHOULD NEVER BE TOO BUSY TO BE A COMPANION TO HER CHILD!
SUDDENLY...
OHH—IT'S RAINING!
OUR PICNIC'S SPOILED!
AND THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT FOR SO LONG! TOO BAD!
WONDER WOMAN, CAN'T YOU STOP THE RAIN, SO WE CAN HAVE OUR PICNIC?
IMPOSSIBLE! SCIENTISTS CAN CREATE RAIN, BUT NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO STOP IT!
WONDER WOMAN CAN!
SHE CAN'T!
DON'T ARGUE, CHILDREN! THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO KEEP THE PICNIC FROM BEING SPOILED! EXCUSE ME! I'LL BE BACK IN A MOMENT!
CALLING PLANE!
LEAPING ABOARD HER AMAZON PLANE, WONDER WOMAN SENDS IT HURTLING TOWARD THE SUN...
HEAT CAUSES RAIN TO TURN INTO STEAM AND EVAPORATE...
THE INGENIOUS AMAZON USES HER UNIQUE PLANE TO REFLECT THE INTENSE RAYS OF THE SUN AND...
I'LL USE THE PLANE TO AIM THE SUN'S RAYS AT THE RAIN CLOUDS UNTIL THEY TURN INTO STEAM AND EVAPORATE IN THE ATMOSPHERE!


MOMENTS LATER...AT THE PICNIC AREA...
HURRAY! NOW WE CAN GO ON WITH THE PICNIC!
WONDER WOMAN STOPPED THE RAIN!
I TOLD YOU SHE WOULD!
AFTER THE TIRELESS AMAZON LANDS...
GOSH, WONDER WOMAN, YOU COULD SAVE A LOT OF PICNICS BY STOPPING IT FROM RAINING!
I COULDN'T DO THAT, JAN! RAIN IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO NOURISH CROPS AND LOWER TEMPERATURES. THAT'S WHY I STOPPED THE RAIN ONLY OVER THIS PICNIC AREA!
THE NEXT DAY, JAN BRINGS A TROUBLED SCHOOLMATE HOME...
ELLEN VINCENT WANTS TO TELL YOU ABOUT HER GRANDFATHER, WONDER WOMAN!
EVER SINCE HE BROKE HIS VIOLIN YESTERDAY, HE HASN'T EATEN OR SLEPT! HE-HE JUST STARES AT THE PIECES! CAN YOU HELP HIM, WONDER WOMAN?
I'LL TRY, ELLEN!
LATER, AT ELLEN'S HOME...
TH-THAT VIOLIN'S ALL I HAD! IT SUNG. LIKE A BIRD... IT WAS ALIVE! BUT I DROPPED IT! NOW IT'S IN A THOUSAND PIECES! DESTROYED—LOST! AND I'M LOST TOO!
NOTHING'S EVER LOST, MR. VINCENT, UNLESS YOU LOSE HOPE! LET ME TRY TO PUT IT TOGETHER!
FROM THE EQUIPMENT ABOARD HER PLANE, WONDER WOMAN RETURNS WITH A SECRET AMAZON LIQUID GLUE WHICH SHE SPRAYS OVER THE JUMBLED PIECES OF THE PRECIOUS VIOLIN...
AND THEN, SHE WORKS WITH INCREDIBLE RAPIDITY...
I MUST ASSEMBLE THE PIECES EXACTLY, BEFORE THE GLUE DRIES— OR FAIL!


FINALLY, AFTER AGONIZING SECONDS, WONDER WOMAN FITS THE PIECES OF THE VIOLIN TOGETHER...
I...I'M AFRAID TO TOUCH IT! IT...IT MIGHT CRUMBLE!
IF I'VE SUCCEEDED, THE VIOLIN SHOULD PLAY JUST AS IT DID BEFORE. PLAY ON IT, PLEASE.
HOLDING HIS BREATH, THE ANXIOUS OLD MAN SLOWLY DRAWS HIS BOW ACROSS THE STRINGS...
IT'S PLAYING! LISTEN TO IT SING! IT SOUNDS EVEN BETTER THAN IT DID BEFORE! OH, THANK YOU, WONDER WOMAN! THANK YOU!
AS THE AMAZON AND HER WARD RETURN TO THEIR HOME ...
IT'S MARTHA MASTERS— ONE OF MY SCHOOL CHUMS, AND HER MOTHER!
OH, WONDER WOMAN! THEY'VE GIVEN MY HUSBAND UP FOR LOST! ...UNLESS YOU CAN HELP HIM!
SUMMONING HER PLANE, WONDER WOMAN RACES TO THE WATERFRONT, WHILE THE GRIEF-STRICKEN MOTHER EXPLAINS...
MY HUSBAND'S A SALVAGE DIVER! HE'S PINNED BENEATH SOME WRECKAGE! HIS—HIS OXYGEN SUPPLY WILL GIVE OUT LONG BEFORE HE CAN BE REMOVED FROM UNDER THE WRECKAGE! OH, WONDER WOMAN— IF YOU CAN'T HELP HIM....
AS HER SPEEDY PLANE REACHES THE AREA OF THE ACCIDENT...
PLANE KEEP CIRCLING!
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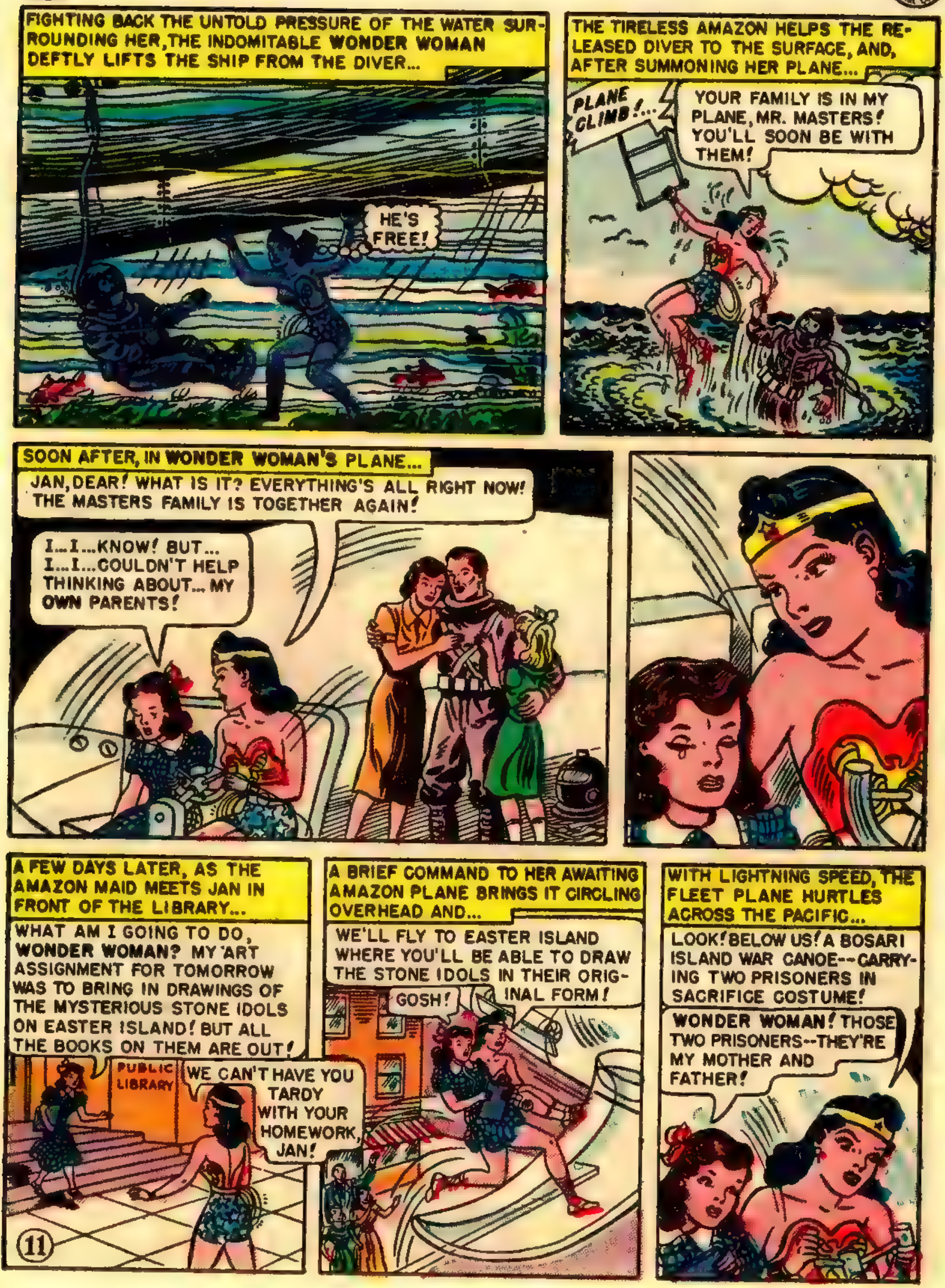
PLUMMETING THROUGH THE WATER, THE FEARLESS AMAZON MAID SOON REACHES THE HELPLESS DIVER...
BY NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT! NO WONDER THEY COULDN'T RELEASE HIM! THE WEIGHT OF THE ENTIRE SHIP IS KEEPING HIM FROM GETTING UP! LUCKY HE'S IN SUCH A POSITION HE ISN'T BEING CRUSHED!


FIGHTING BACK THE UNTOLD PRESSURE OF THE WATER SURROUNDING HER, THE INDOMITABLE WONDER WOMAN DEFTLY LIFTS THE SHIP FROM THE DIVER...
HE'S FREE!
THE TIRELESS AMAZON HELPS THE RELEASED DIVER TO THE SURFACE, AND, AFTER SUMMONING HER PLANE...
PLANE CLIMB!...
YOUR FAMILY IS IN MY PLANE, MR. MASTERS! YOU'LL SOON BE WITH THEM!
SOON AFTER, IN WONDER WOMAN'S PLANE...
JAN, DEAR! WHAT IS IT? EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW! THE MASTERS FAMILY IS TOGETHER AGAIN!
I...I...KNOW! BUT... I...I...COULDN'T HELP THINKING ABOUT... MY OWN PARENTS!
A FEW DAYS LATER, AS THE AMAZON MAID MEETS JAN IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY...
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, WONDER WOMAN? MY 'ART ASSIGNMENT FOR TOMORROW WAS TO BRING IN DRAWINGS OF THE MYSTERIOUS STONE IDOLS ON EASTER ISLAND! BUT ALL THE BOOKS ON THEM ARE OUT!
PUBLIC LIBRARY
WE CAN'T HAVE YOU TARDY WITH YOUR HOMEWORK, JAN!
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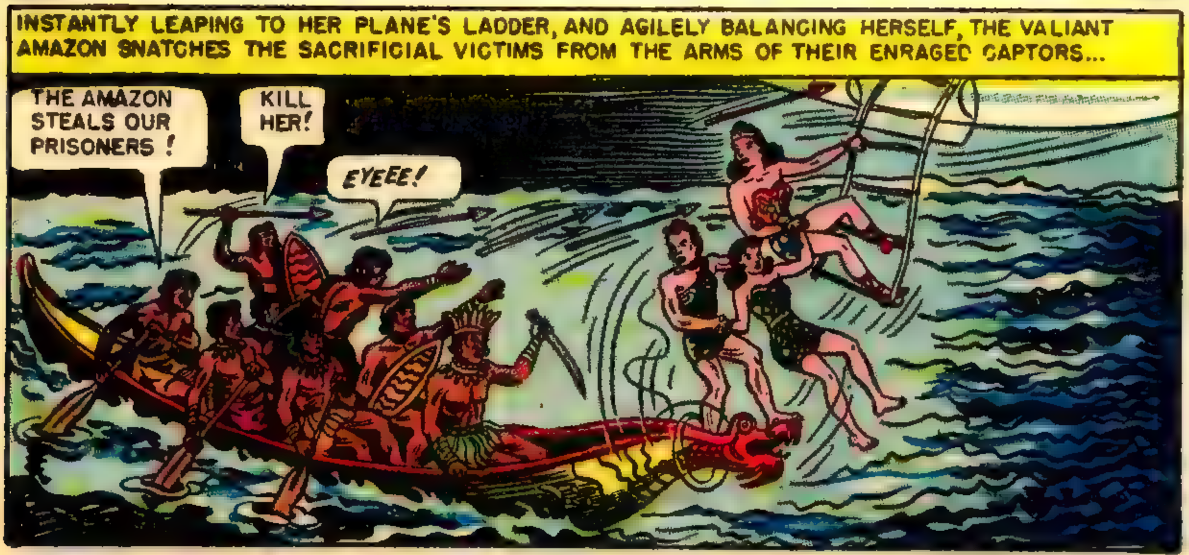
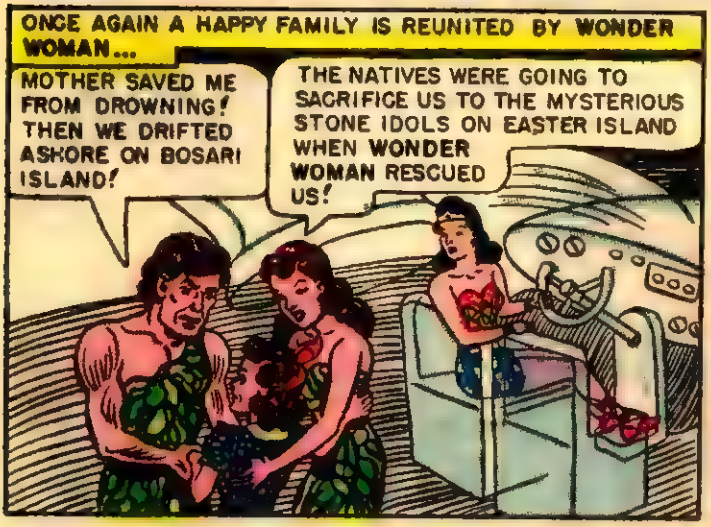
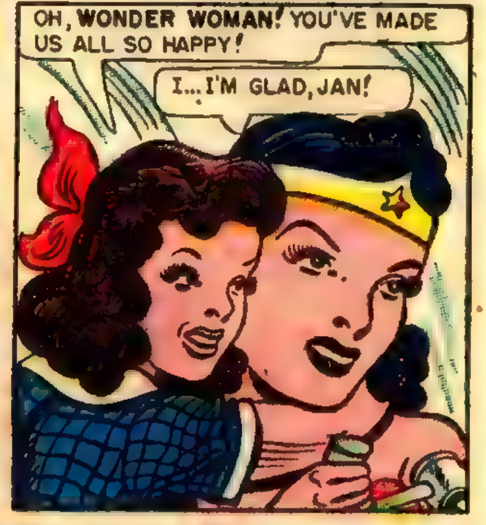
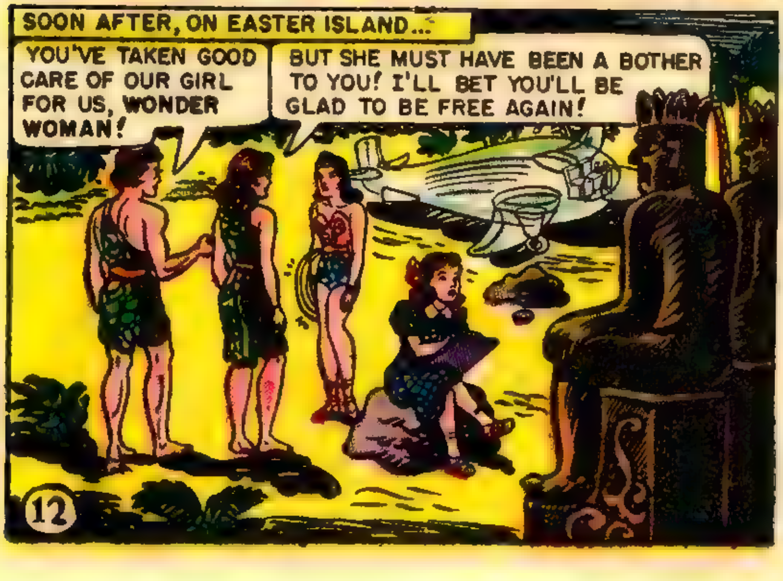
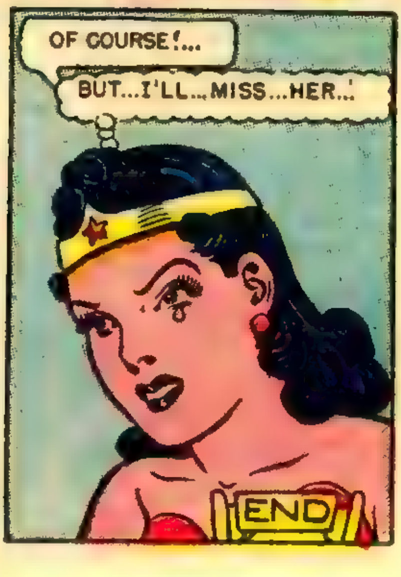
A BRIEF COMMAND TO HER AWAITING AMAZON PLANE BRINGS IT CIRCLING OVERHEAD AND...
WE'LL FLY TO EASTER ISLAND WHERE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DRAW THE STONE IDOLS IN THEIR ORIGINAL FORM!
GOSH!
WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, THE FLEET PLANE HURTLES ACROSS THE PACIFIC...
LOOK! BELOW US! A BOSARI ISLAND WAR CANOE--CARRYING TWO PRISONERS IN SACRIFICE COSTUME!
WONDER WOMAN! THOSE TWO PRISONERS--THEY'RE MY MOTHER AND FATHER!


INSTANTLY LEAPING TO HER PLANE'S LADDER, AND AGILELY BALANCING HERSELF, THE VALIANT AMAZON SNATCHES THE SACRIFICIAL VICTIMS FROM THE ARMS OF THEIR ENRAGED CAPTORS...
THE AMAZON STEALS OUR PRISONERS!
KILL HER!
EYEEE!


ONCE AGAIN A HAPPY FAMILY IS REUNITED BY WONDER WOMAN...
MOTHER SAVED ME FROM DROWNING! THEN WE DRIFTED ASHORE ON BOSARI ISLAND!
THE NATIVES WERE GOING TO SACRIFICE US TO THE MYSTERIOUS STONE IDOLS ON EASTER ISLAND WHEN WONDER WOMAN RESCUED US!


OH, WONDER WOMAN! YOU'VE MADE US ALL SO HAPPY!
I...I'M GLAD, JAN!


SOON AFTER, ON EASTER ISLAND...
YOU'VE TAKEN GOOD CARE OF OUR GIRL FOR US, WONDER WOMAN!
BUT SHE MUST HAVE BEEN A BOTHER TO YOU! I'LL BET YOU'LL BE GLAD TO BE FREE AGAIN!


OF COURSE!...
BUT...I'LL...MISS...HER...
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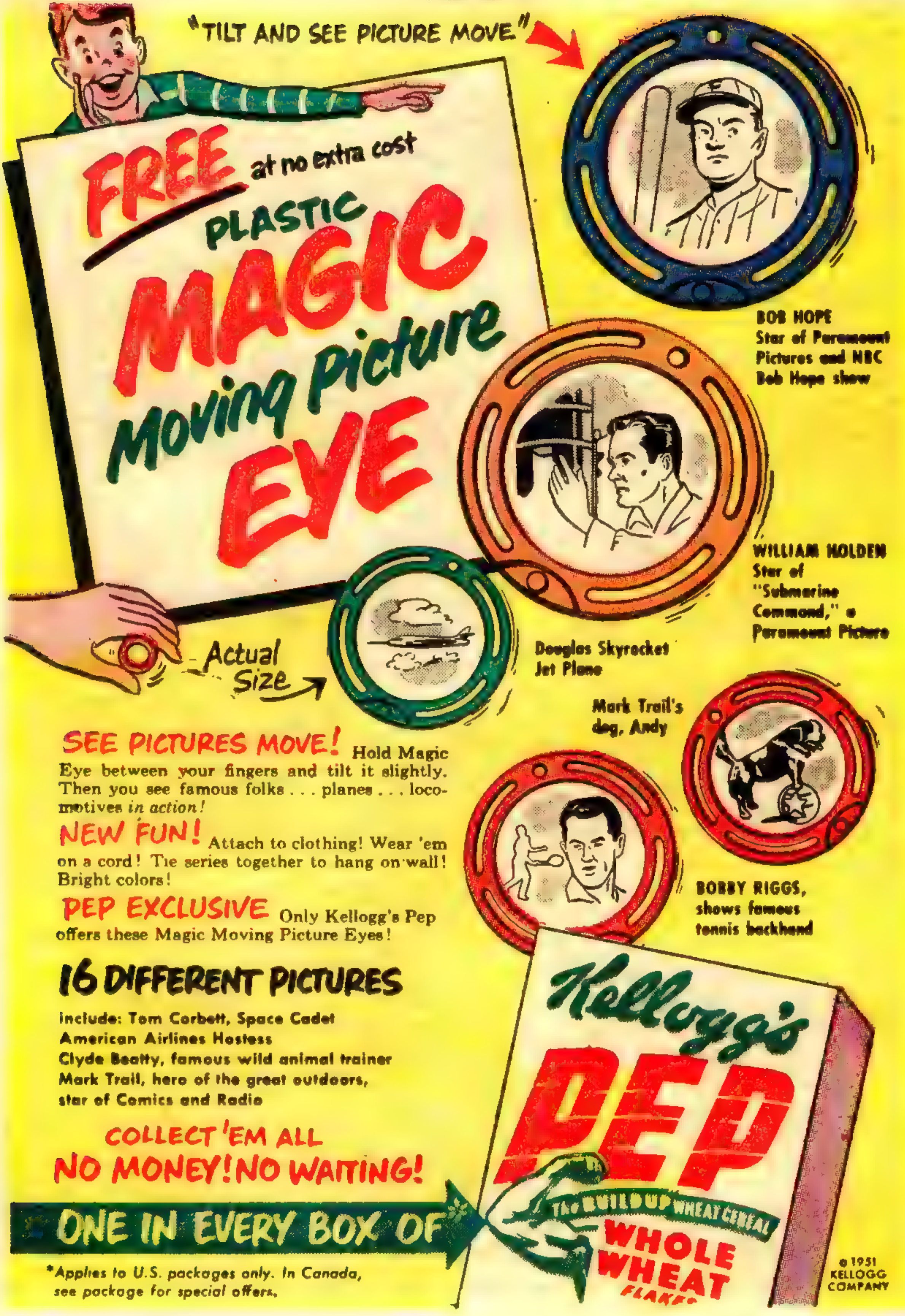

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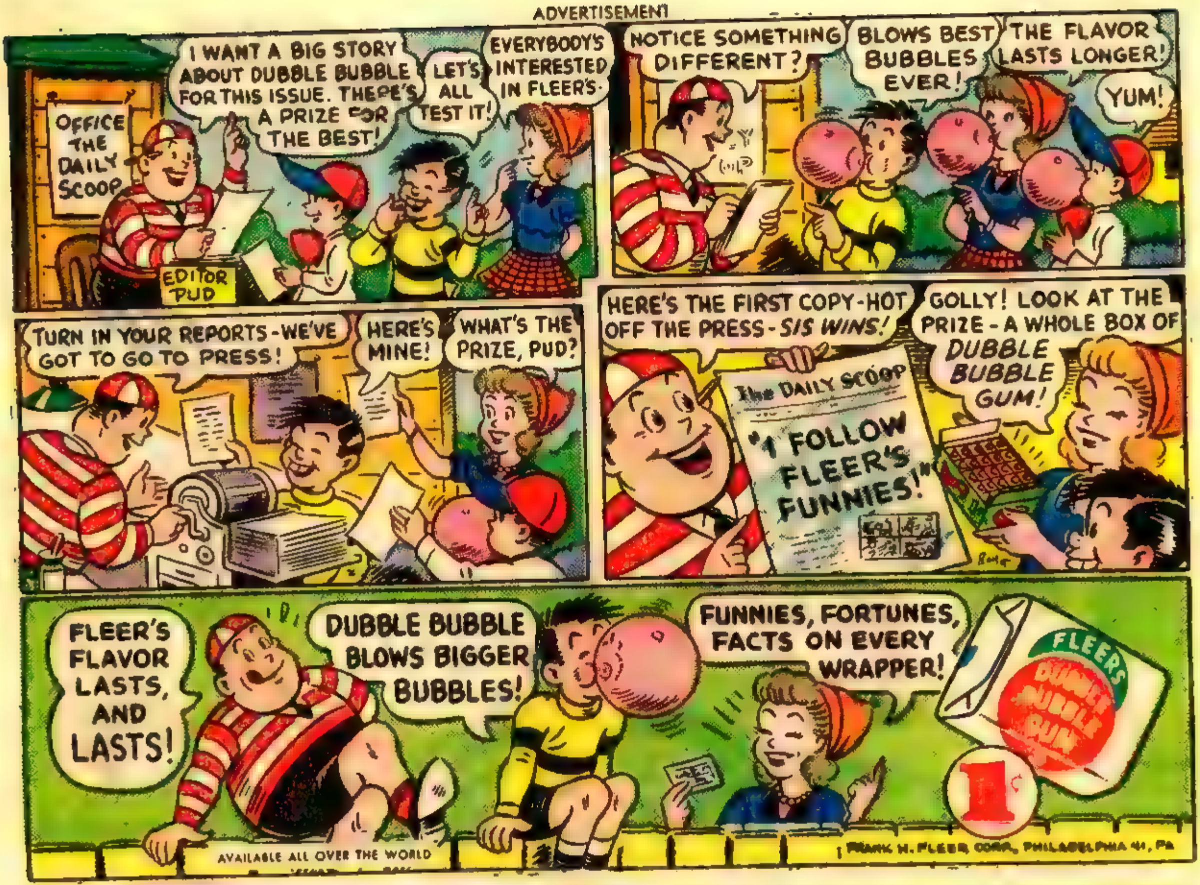
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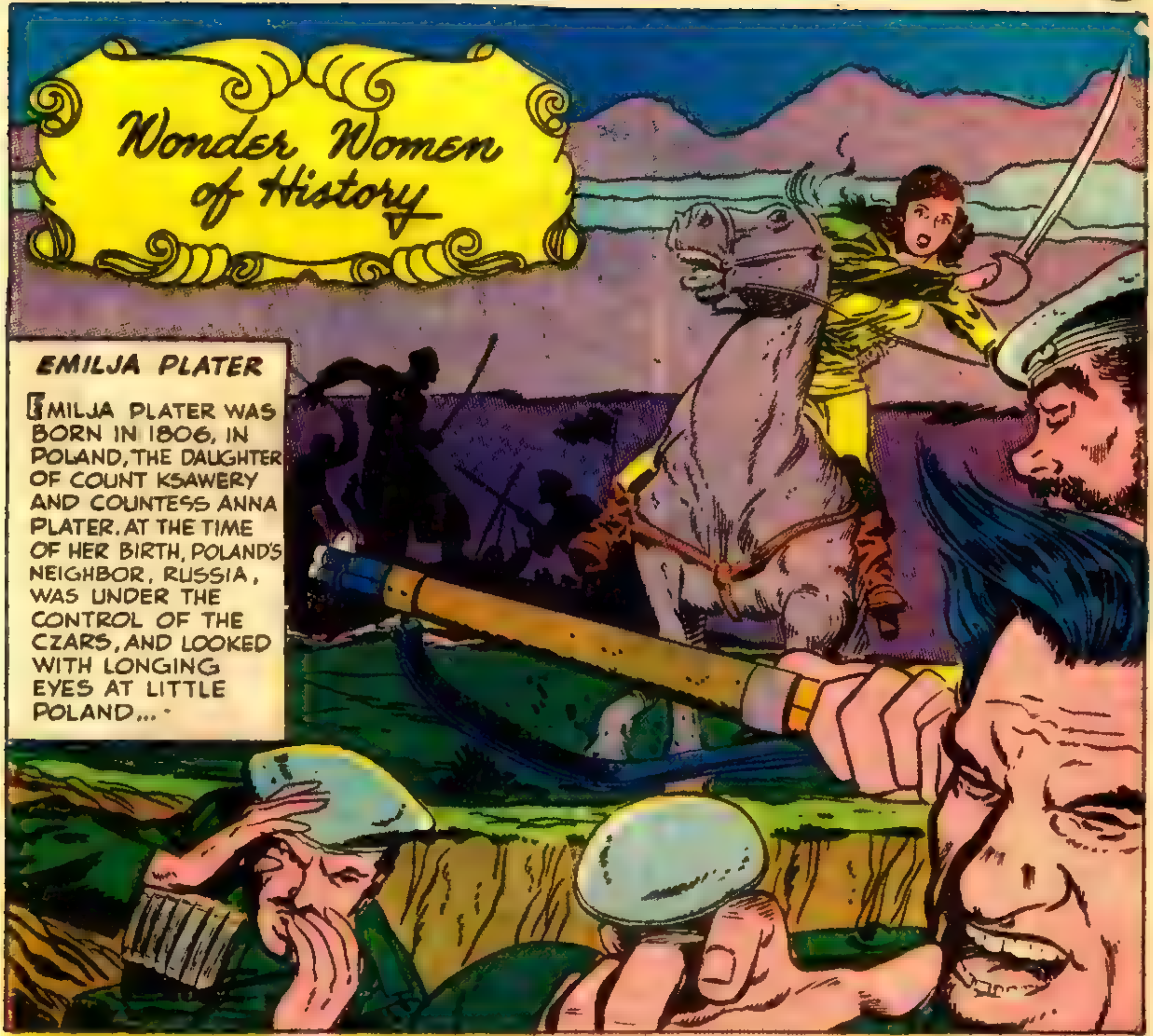

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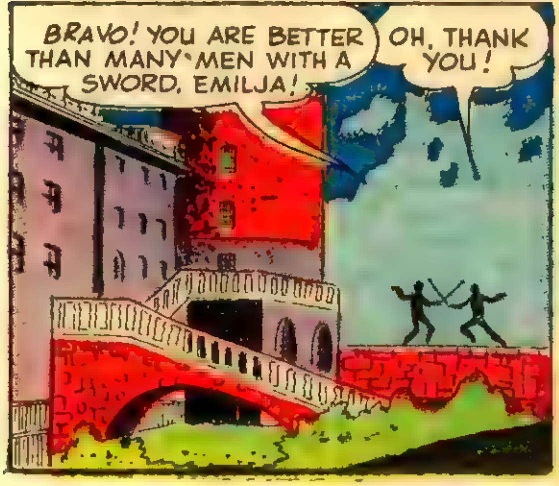
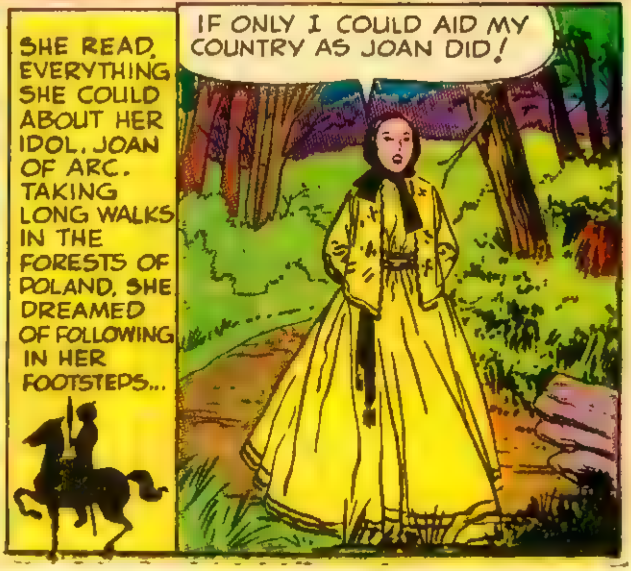
EMILJA PLATER WAS BORN IN 1806, IN POLAND, THE DAUGHTER OF COUNT KSAWERY AND COUNTESS ANNA PLATER. AT THE TIME OF HER BIRTH, POLAND'S NEIGHBOR, RUSSIA, WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CZARS, AND LOOKED WITH LONGING EYES AT LITTLE POLAND...

EMILJA RECEIVED A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION--BUT SHE WAS HAPPIEST WHEN SHE RODE A HORSE...AND FENCED...

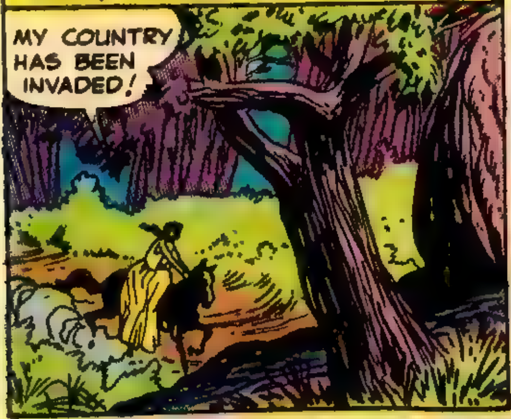

BRAVO! YOU ARE BETTER THAN MANY MEN WITH A SWORD, EMILJA!
OH, THANK YOU!



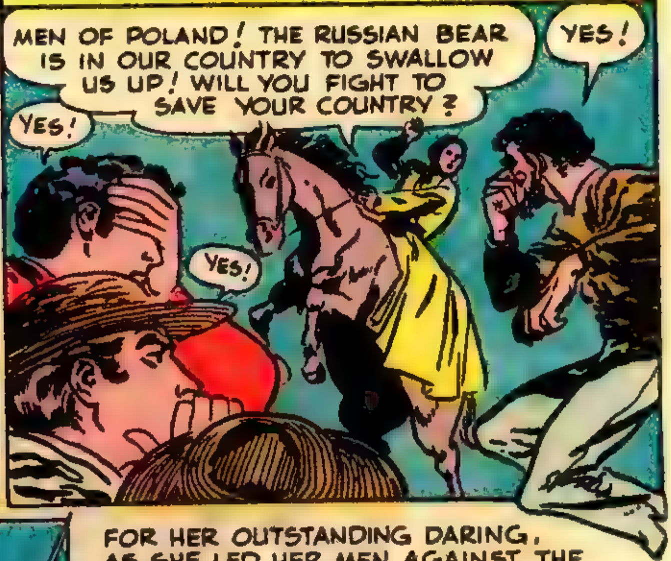
SHE READ EVERYTHING SHE COULD ABOUT HER IDOL, JOAN OF ARC. TAKING LONG WALKS IN THE FORESTS OF POLAND, SHE DREAMED OF FOLLOWING IN HER FOOTSTEPS...

IF ONLY I COULD AID MY COUNTRY AS JOAN DID!

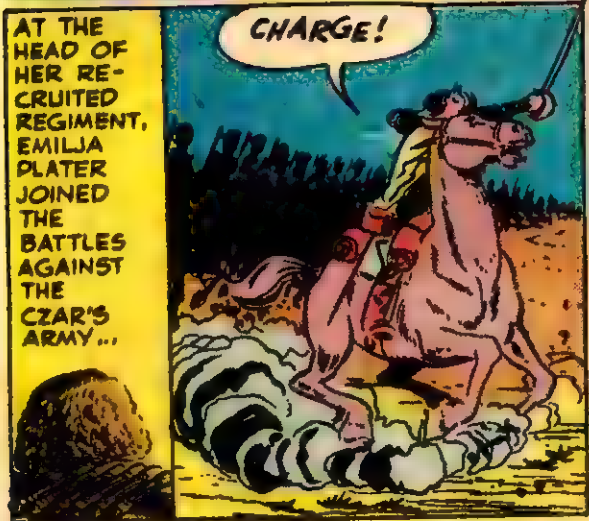
THE YOUNG POLISH GIRL WAS TO GET HER CHANCE SOONER THAN SHE DREAMED. RUSSIA WAS BENT ON CONQUEST AND IN 1830, THE RUSSIAN ARMIES MARCHED INTO POLAND...


MY COUNTRY HAS BEEN INVADED!

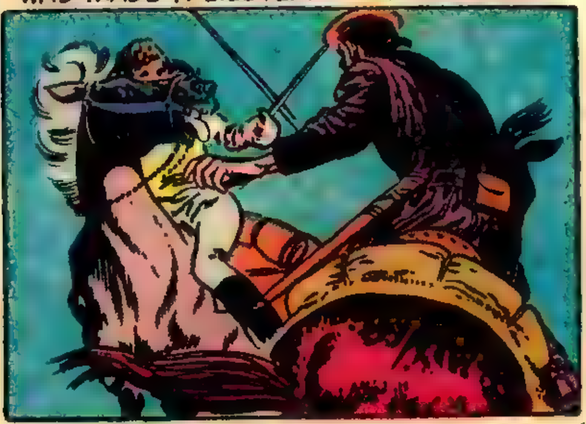
AT THE GALLOP, EMILJA RODE TO NEARBY DSIATY...


MEN OF POLAND! THE RUSSIAN BEAR IS IN OUR COUNTRY TO SWALLOW US UP! WILL YOU FIGHT TO SAVE YOUR COUNTRY?
YES!
YES!
YES!

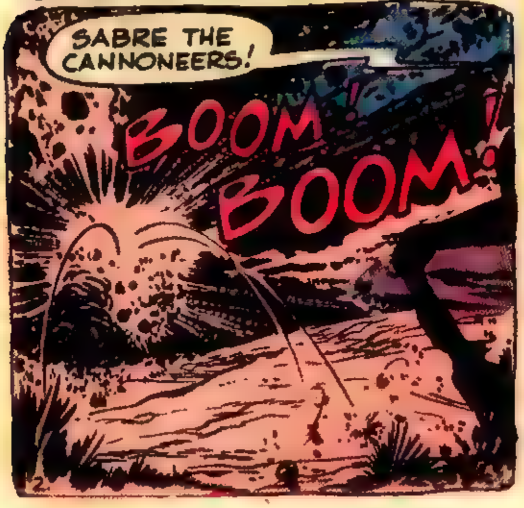
AT THE HEAD OF HER RECRUITED REGIMENT, EMILJA PLATER JOINED THE BATTLES AGAINST THE CZAR'S ARMY...



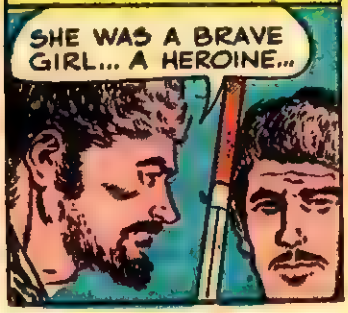
FOR HER OUTSTANDING DARING, AS SHE LED HER MEN AGAINST THE RUSSIAN HORDES, EMILJA PLATER WAS MADE A LIEUTENANT IN THE FIELD...



THEN FOLLOWED SWIFTLY, THE RANKS OF CAPTAIN AND FULL COLONEL...


SABRE THE CANNONEERS!
BOOM!
BOOM!

BUT--DESPITE HER OWN INDIVIDUAL BRAVERY--EMILJA WAS TO SEE POLAND BUCKLE AND FALL BEFORE THE RUSSIAN MIGHT. HER HEALTH BROKEN, SHE DIED DECEMBER 23, 1831, IN HER TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR...


SHE WAS A BRAVE GIRL... A HEROINE...

FOR HER FLAMING PATRIOTISM, FOR THE UNSELFISH GALLANTRY IN WHICH SHE PUT COUNTRY BEFORE HER OWN INTERESTS, FOR HER DARING AND BRAVERY IN THE FLAME OF BATTLE, EMILJA PLATER JOINS THE HONOR ROLL OF ***WONDER WOMEN OF HISTORY!***

Diana Prince

(WONDER WOMAN)

Happy Landing

"REPORTING for duty, sir."

Captain Flanagan grinned inwardly as he looked at young Poole standing so stiffly before him. It had been only two years since he, Flanagan, had also reported for the first time as a co-pilot, and he could well appreciate Poole's nervousness.

"Relax, Poole," he advised. "We're gassed and oiled, the passengers are all tucked in, so you may as well hop aboard and make yourself comfortable. I'll join you in a couple of minutes."

Shortly, in the enormous plane, Poole let his eyes wander over the incredible maze of controls and gauges. He drew a deep breath and sighed. This was what he had worked so hard for, and he hoped that the long hours of work and study hadn't been for naught. When Captain Flanagan would let him take over the controls he hoped he'd make good. He had to!

The cockpit door slid open as Flanagan entered, followed by the flight engineer and radio operator. The latter two disposed themselves behind their varied instruments while the ship's captain folded himself beside Poole.

Minutes later, Poole could not help but envy the practiced ease with which Flanagan guided the aerial giant along, and then lift her shining nose into the air.

Apparently Flanagan didn't miss a trick. "That's the way you'll do it, kid," he mentioned as if he'd been reading Poole's mind. "Nothing to it."

"Thanks sir," said Poole aloud, and to himself he felt he was lucky to be sitting next to such a swell egg.

He grew more and more relaxed as the hours went by. The radio operator fiddled with his radio direction-finder loop, the flight engineer made his numerous equations, the plane sliced effortlessly along. . . .

"Captain!"

The very urgency of the voice brought the eyes of the four men instantly around to where Martin, the steward, leaned against the now open cockpit door. Blood ran from a wound on the side of the steward's head.

"Trouble inside, Captain!"

Flanagan was on his feet in an instant. "Take over," he told Poole, as he followed the steward's retreating form. As they entered the huge interior he saw, too late, that he'd been trapped. Covering the cowering passengers with a gun was a hard-faced man who looked as if he knew well how to handle his weapon.

Another weapon had leaped into the now grinning steward's hand. "Sorry, Flanagan, but you're necessary to our plans."

"But you know you can't loot an airplane and expect to get away with it," grated Flanagan.

"Wrong," retorted Martin. "Me and my chum have already collected whatever valuables are about . . . and we are going to keep them!"

"That blood on your head—"

"A touch of realism. It hurt, but it served the purpose of getting you out here . . . *don't,* Flanagan! One more move like that and I'll give you something that'll hurt a heap more!"

Flanagan knew Martin meant what he said. "How do you propose to get away from the plane?" he asked easily.

The steward outlined his plan. Flanagan, as the captain, issued the orders—orders that were obeyed. When the plane landed Flanagan—a gun pressed in his side—would walk out, Martin and the latter's accomplice right behind him.

He would explain that the trouble had simply been due to a sudden sideslip of the plane which had caused the steward to stumble and had occasioned a slight fright among the passengers. He'd remained with them (Martin went on) to calm them while the co-pilot landed the plane.

"And we're due for our landing in a moment," concluded Martin, " so don't forget to play nice if you don't want *real* trouble. . . ."

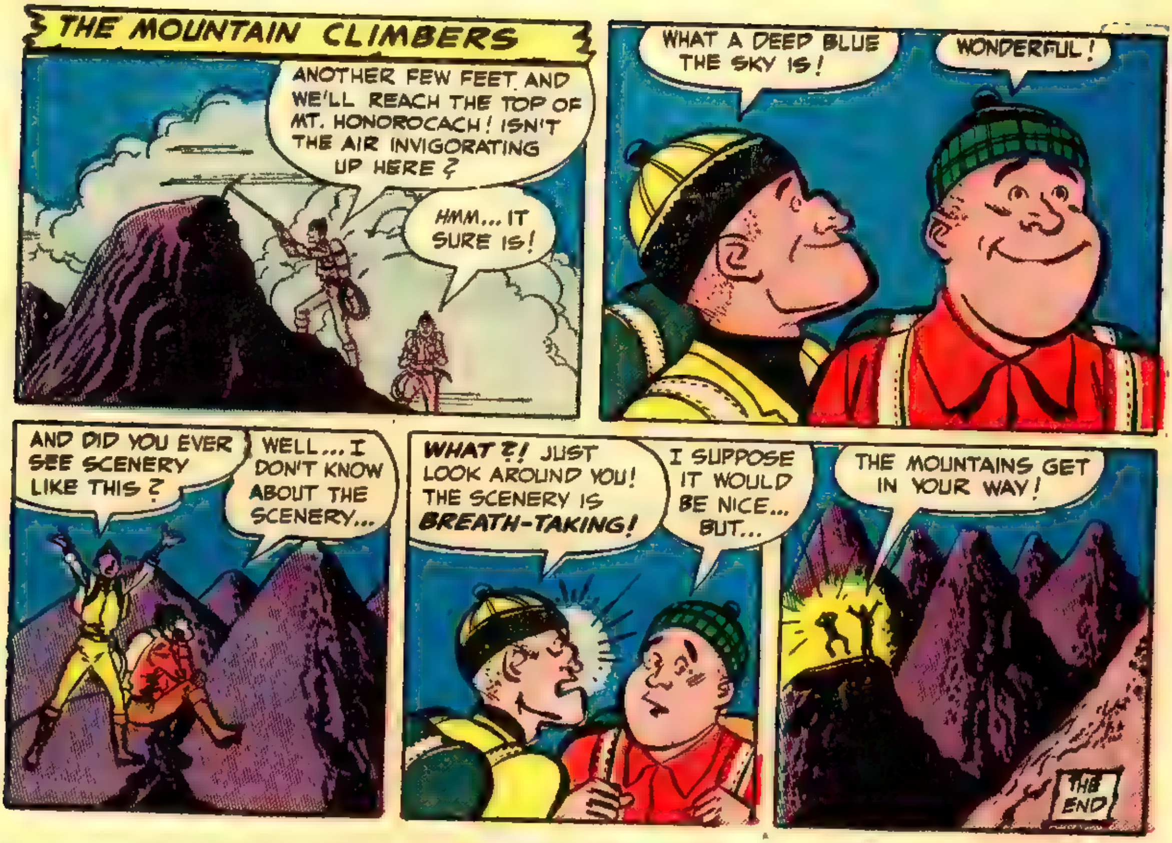
It was just then that the plane lurched violenty, jamming Martin against the captain. This was it . . . the break he'd been hoping for. Twisting the wrist of the off-balance steward, he now had his gun. Bringing it up he sideswiped the steward's jaw and, even while Martin was crumpling, slammed a bullet against the barrel of the accomplice's weapon.

As the second gun fell to the floor, Flanagan leaped forward like a cat, ducked the other's hasty punch and let his own rocklike knuckles fly. Two limp forms were soon securely trussed and Flanagan grunted with pleasure at a job well done.

There were a couple more bumps as he found his way forward to the cockpit, and then the plane slowed slightly before coming to a standstill on the landing field.

Young Poole looked up at Flanagan and begged the captain's pardon. "That landing . . . bad, I know. But I promise that it won't happen again. . . ."

His words drifted off as he saw the wide smile on Flanagan's face. "I know it won't happen again, Poole—but for what happened on this trip it was the exact landing that I had *hoped* you would make!"


THE MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS
ANOTHER FEW FEET AND WE'LL REACH THE TOP OF MT. HONOROCACH! ISN'T THE AIR INVIGORATING UP HERE?
HMM... IT SURE IS!
WHAT A DEEP BLUE THE SKY IS!
WONDERFUL!
AND DID YOU EVER SEE SCENERY LIKE THIS?
WELL... I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE SCENERY...
WHAT?! JUST LOOK AROUND YOU! THE SCENERY IS BREATH-TAKING!
I SUPPOSE IT WOULD BE NICE... BUT...
THE MOUNTAINS GET IN YOUR WAY!
THE END

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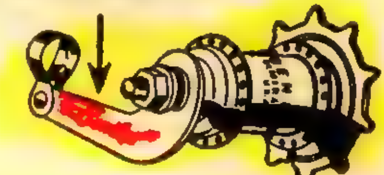

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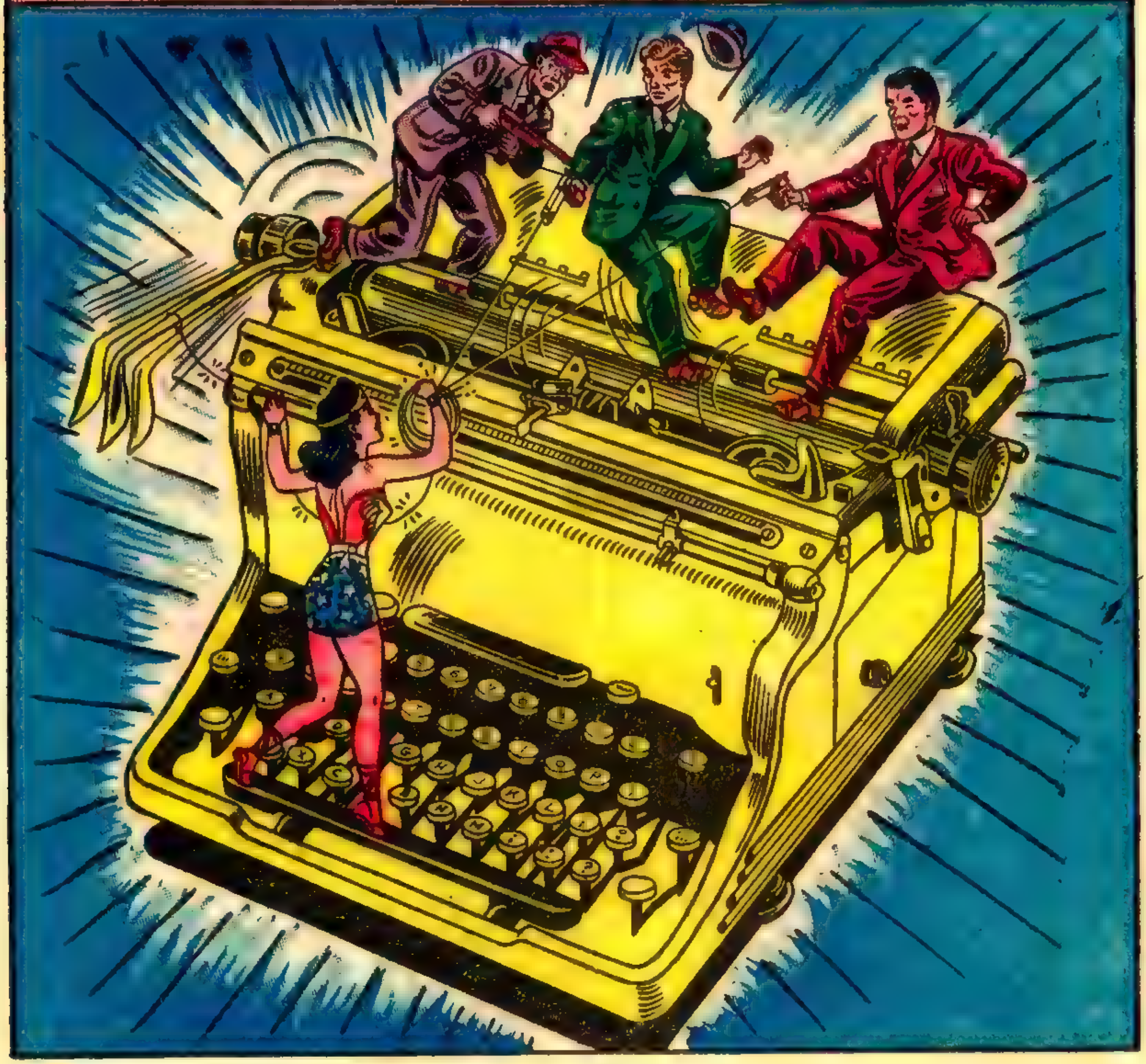
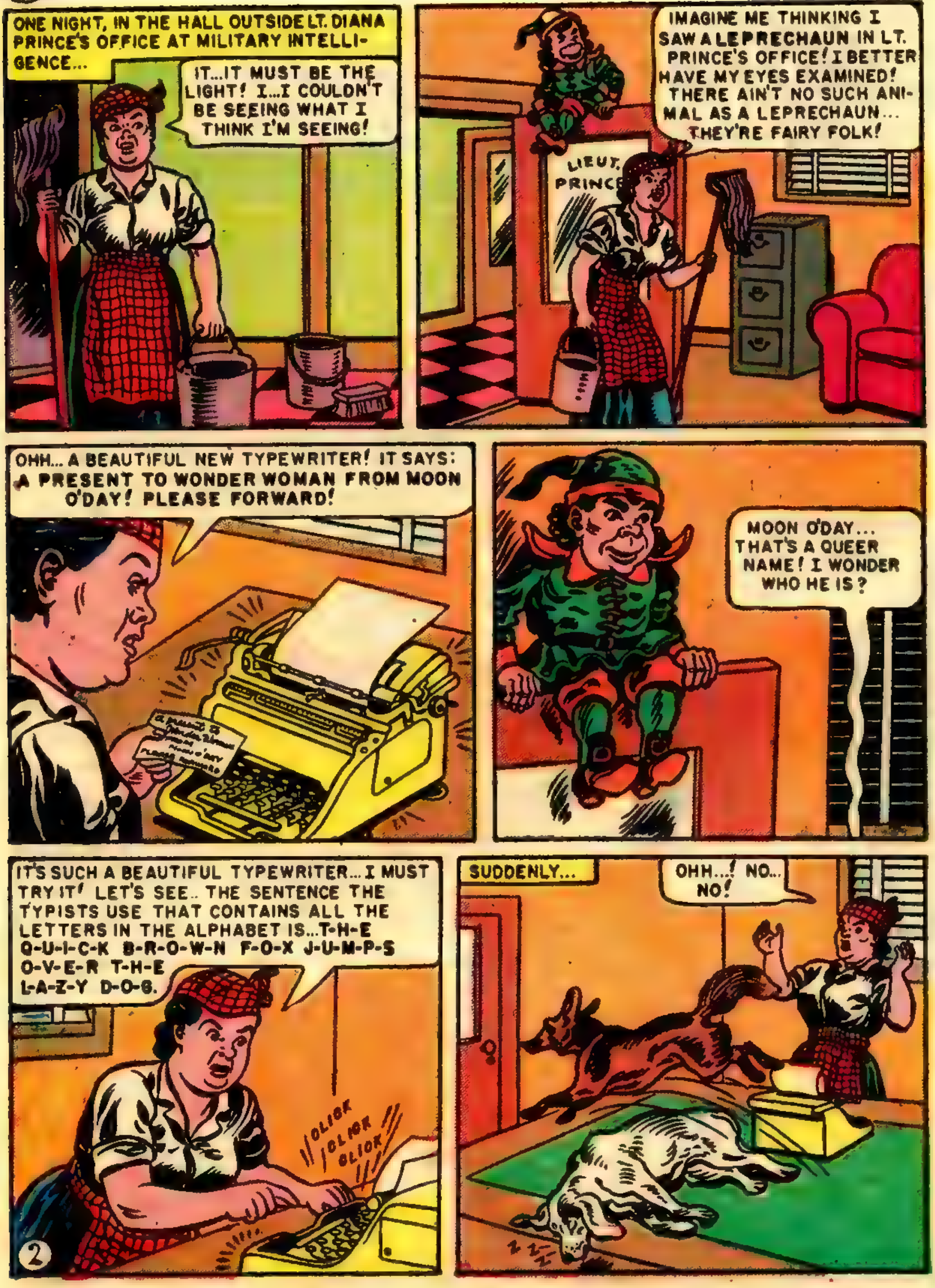
"THE MYSTERY OF THE MAGIC TYPEWRITER!"




ONE NIGHT, IN THE HALL OUTSIDE LT. DIANA PRINCE'S OFFICE AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE...
IT...IT MUST BE THE LIGHT! I...I COULDN'T BE SEEING WHAT I THINK I'M SEEING!
IMAGINE ME THINKING I SAW A LEPRECHAUN IN LT. PRINCE'S OFFICE! I BETTER HAVE MY EYES EXAMINED! THERE AIN'T NO SUCH ANIMAL AS A LEPRECHAUN... THEY'RE FAIRY FOLK!
LIEUT. PRINCE
OHH... A BEAUTIFUL NEW TYPEWRITER! IT SAYS: A PRESENT TO WONDER WOMAN FROM MOON O'DAY! PLEASE FORWARD!
MOON O'DAY... THAT'S A QUEER NAME! I WONDER WHO HE IS?
IT'S SUCH A BEAUTIFUL TYPEWRITER... I MUST TRY IT! LET'S SEE.. THE SENTENCE THE TYPISTS USE THAT CONTAINS ALL THE LETTERS IN THE ALPHABET IS...T-H-E Q-U-I-C-K B-R-O-W-N F-O-X J-U-M-P-S O-V-E-R T-H-E L-A-Z-Y D-O-G.
CLICK CLICK CLICK
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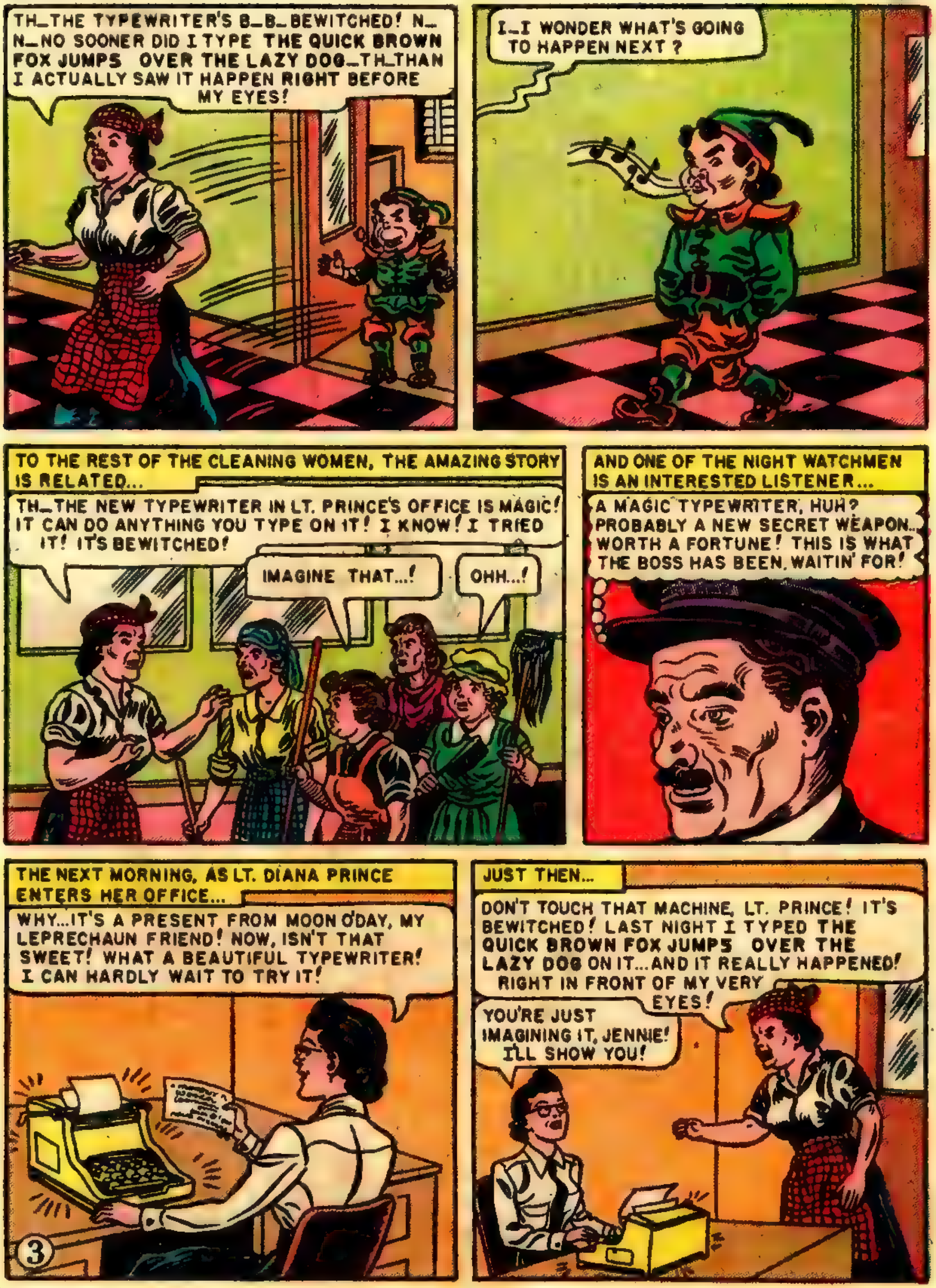
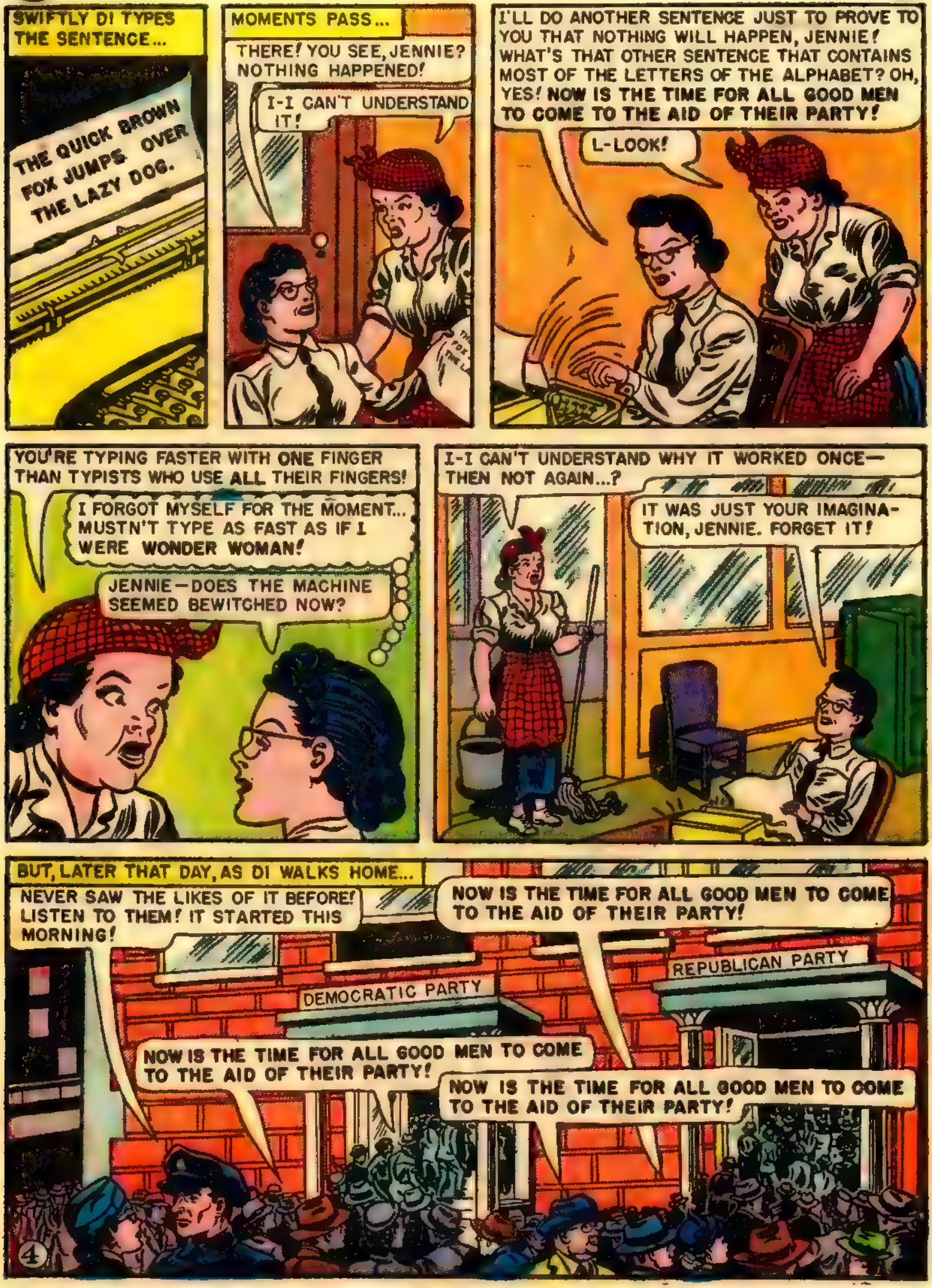
SUDDENLY...
OHH...! NO.. NO!
Z-Z-Z


TH_THE TYPEWRITER'S B_B_BEWITCHED! N_ N_NO SOONER DID I TYPE THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG_TH_THAN I ACTUALLY SAW IT HAPPEN RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!
I_I WONDER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT?
TO THE REST OF THE CLEANING WOMEN, THE AMAZING STORY IS RELATED...
TH_THE NEW TYPEWRITER IN LT. PRINCE'S OFFICE IS MAGIC! IT CAN DO ANYTHING YOU TYPE ON IT! I KNOW! I TRIED IT! IT'S BEWITCHED!
IMAGINE THAT...!
OHH...!
AND ONE OF THE NIGHT WATCHMEN IS AN INTERESTED LISTENER...
A MAGIC TYPEWRITER, HUH? PROBABLY A NEW SECRET WEAPON... WORTH A FORTUNE! THIS IS WHAT THE BOSS HAS BEEN WAITIN' FOR!
THE NEXT MORNING, AS LT. DIANA PRINCE ENTERS HER OFFICE...
WHY...IT'S A PRESENT FROM MOON O'DAY, MY LEPRECHAUN FRIEND! NOW, ISN'T THAT SWEET! WHAT A BEAUTIFUL TYPEWRITER! I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO TRY IT!
JUST THEN...
DON'T TOUCH THAT MACHINE, LT. PRINCE! IT'S BEWITCHED! LAST NIGHT I TYPED THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG ON IT...AND IT REALLY HAPPENED! RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY VERY EYES!
YOU'RE JUST IMAGINING IT, JENNIE! I'LL SHOW YOU!


SWIFTLY DI TYPES THE SENTENCE...
THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG.
MOMENTS PASS...
THERE! YOU SEE, JENNIE? NOTHING HAPPENED!
I-I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
I'LL DO ANOTHER SENTENCE JUST TO PROVE TO YOU THAT NOTHING WILL HAPPEN, JENNIE! WHAT'S THAT OTHER SENTENCE THAT CONTAINS MOST OF THE LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET? OH, YES! NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR PARTY!
L-LOOK!
YOU'RE TYPING FASTER WITH ONE FINGER THAN TYPISTS WHO USE ALL THEIR FINGERS!
I FORGOT MYSELF FOR THE MOMENT... MUSTN'T TYPE AS FAST AS IF I WERE WONDER WOMAN!
JENNIE—DOES THE MACHINE SEEMED BEWITCHED NOW?
I-I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT WORKED ONCE—THEN NOT AGAIN...?
IT WAS JUST YOUR IMAGINATION, JENNIE. FORGET IT!
BUT, LATER THAT DAY, AS DI WALKS HOME...
NEVER SAW THE LIKES OF IT BEFORE! LISTEN TO THEM! IT STARTED THIS MORNING!
NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR PARTY!
REPUBLICAN PARTY
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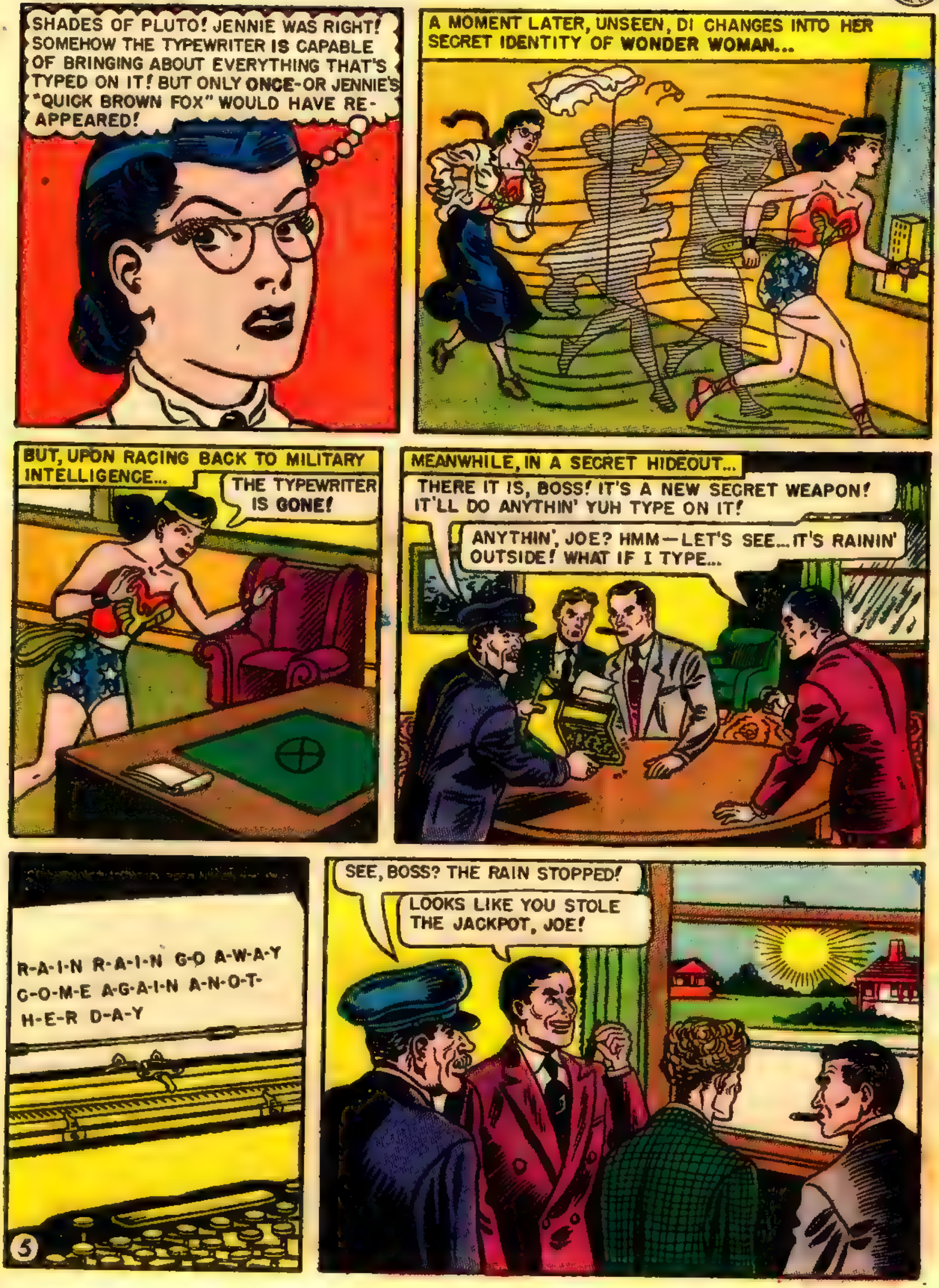
SHADES OF PLUTO! JENNIE WAS RIGHT! SOMEHOW THE TYPEWRITER IS CAPABLE OF BRINGING ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT'S TYPED ON IT! BUT ONLY ONCE-OR JENNIE'S "QUICK BROWN FOX" WOULD HAVE REAPPEARED!
A MOMENT LATER, UNSEEN, DI CHANGES INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN...
BUT, UPON RACING BACK TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE...
THE TYPEWRITER IS GONE!
MEANWHILE, IN A SECRET HIDEOUT...
THERE IT IS, BOSS! IT'S A NEW SECRET WEAPON! IT'LL DO ANYTHIN' YUH TYPE ON IT!
ANYTHIN', JOE? HMM—LET'S SEE... IT'S RAININ' OUTSIDE! WHAT IF I TYPE...
R-A-I-N R-A-I-N G-O A-W-A-Y C-O-M-E A-G-A-I-N A-N-O-T-H-E-R D-A-Y
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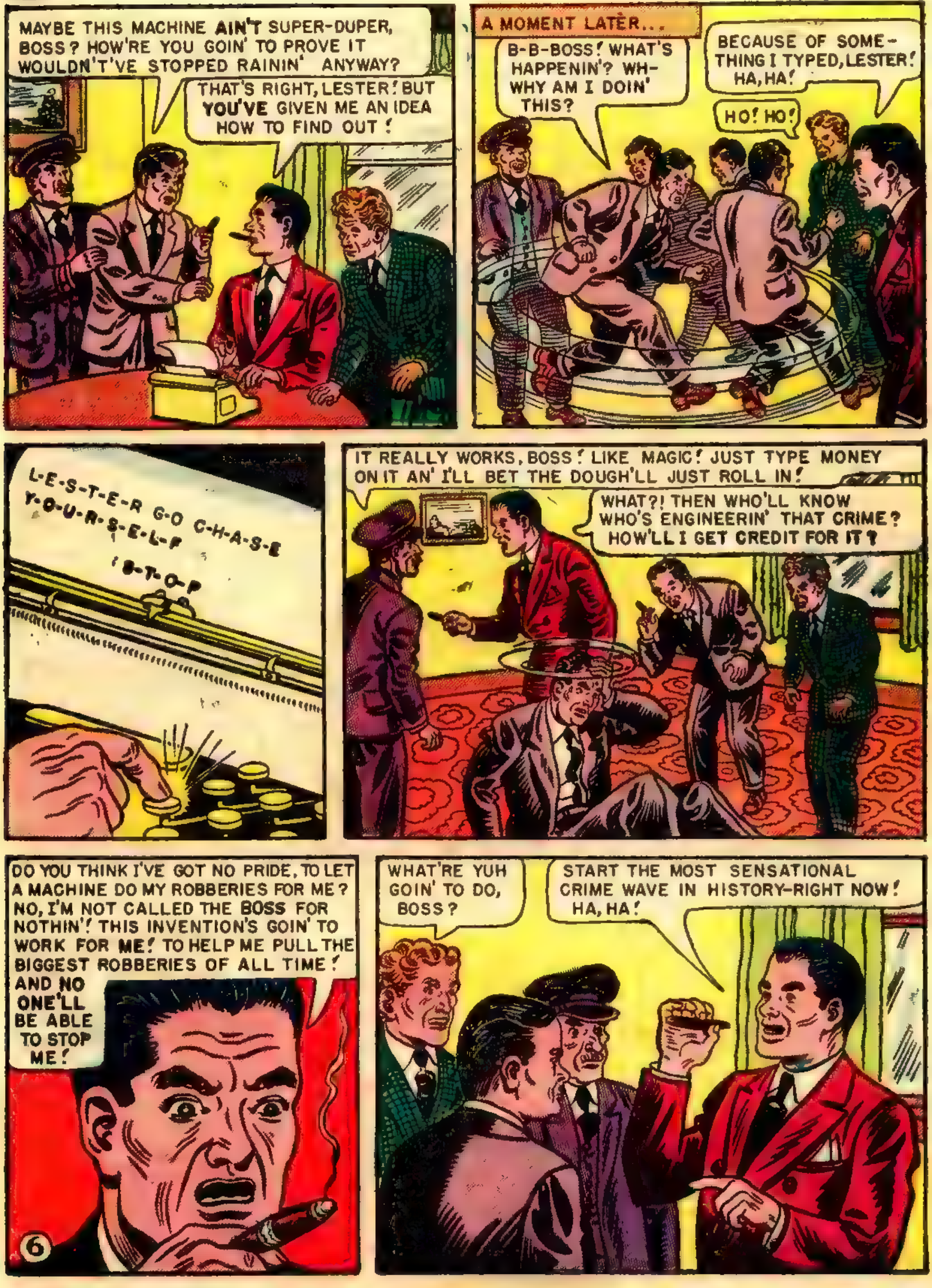
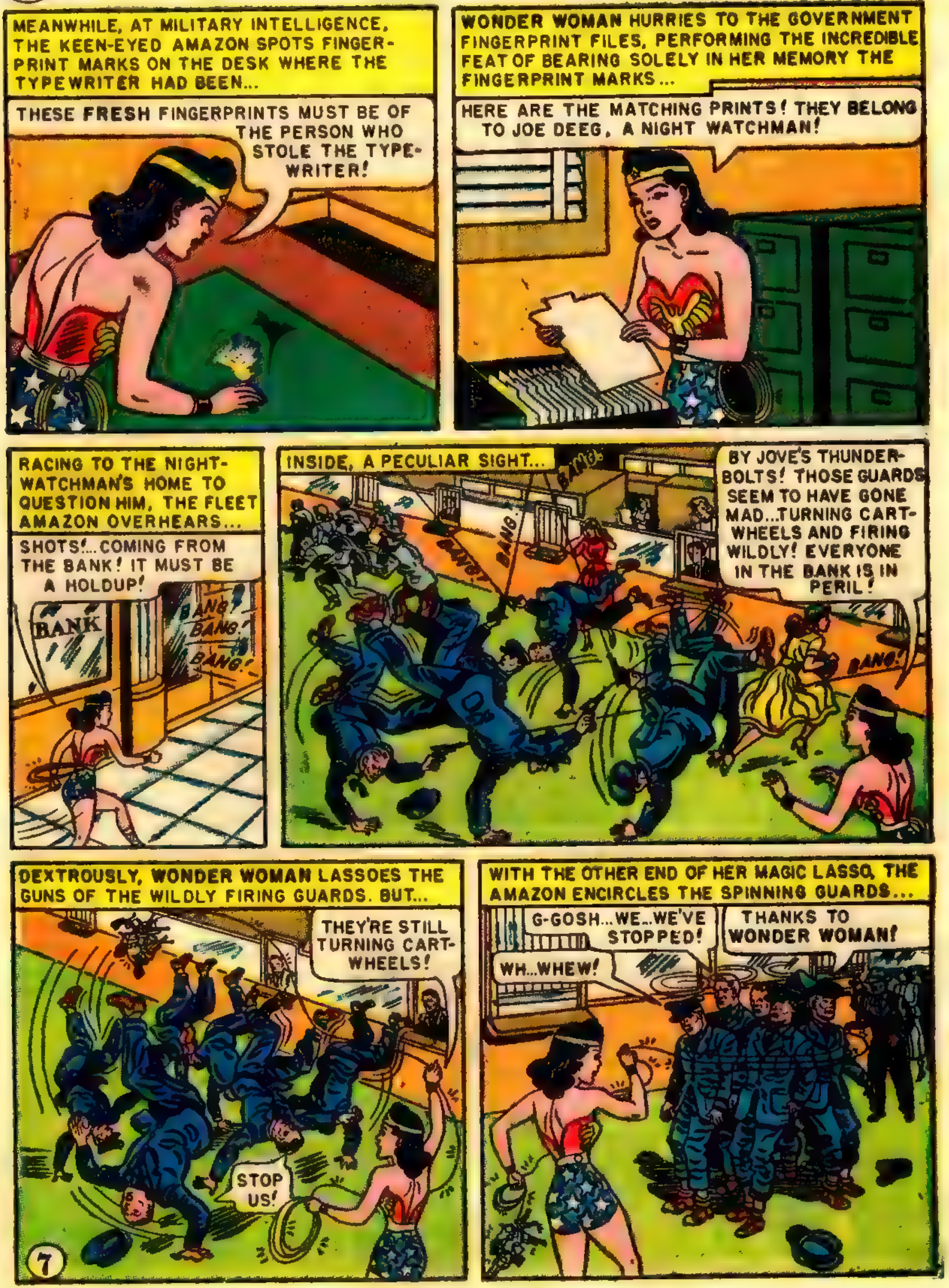
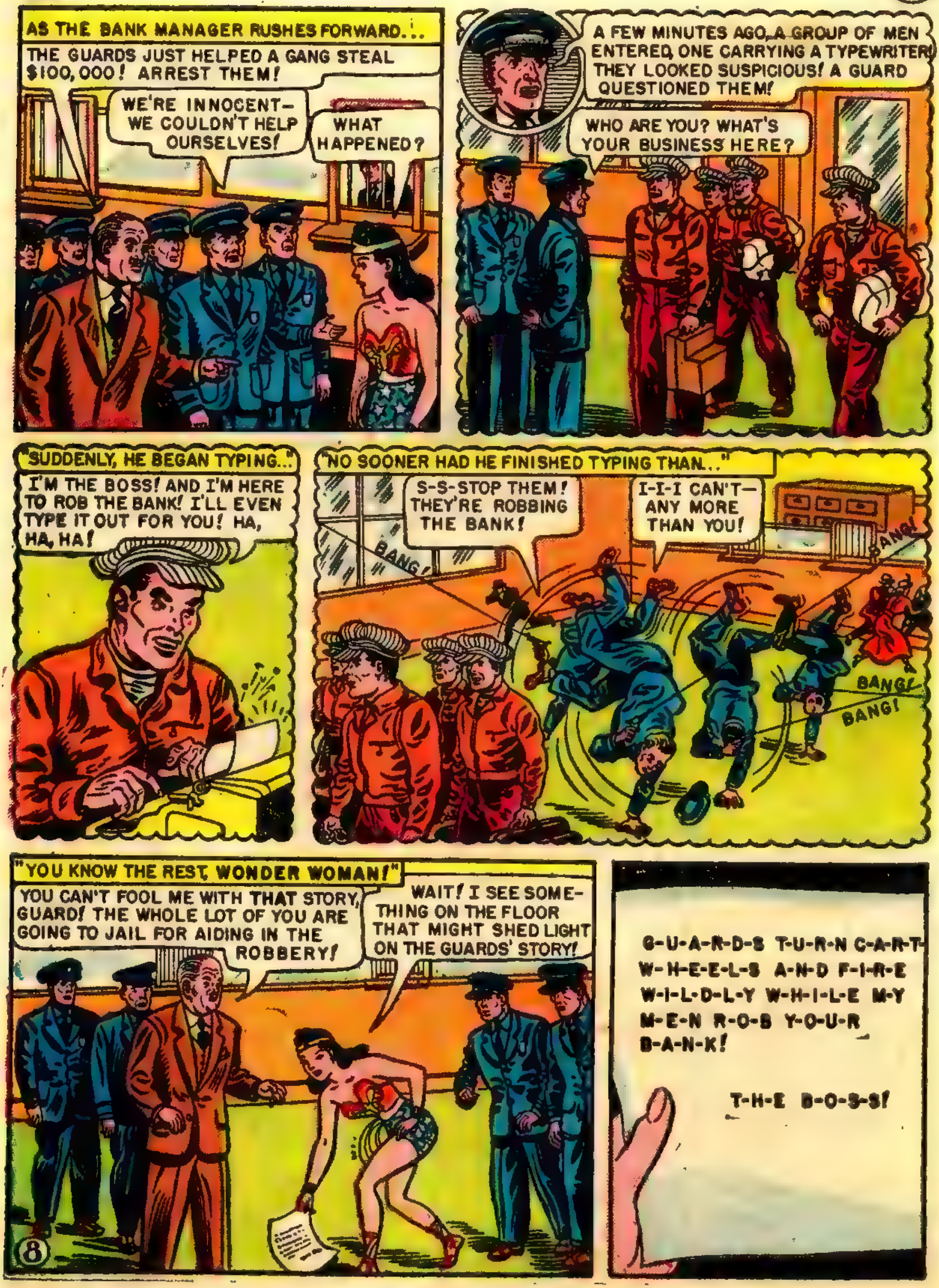
SEE, BOSS? THE RAIN STOPPED!
LOOKS LIKE YOU STOLE THE JACKPOT, JOE!


MAYBE THIS MACHINE AIN'T SUPER-DUPER, BOSS? HOW'RE YOU GOIN' TO PROVE IT WOULDN'T'VE STOPPED RAININ' ANYWAY?
THAT'S RIGHT, LESTER! BUT YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA HOW TO FIND OUT!
A MOMENT LATER...
B-B-BOSS! WHAT'S HAPPENIN'? WH-WHY AM I DOIN' THIS?
BECAUSE OF SOMETHING I TYPED, LESTER! HA, HA!
HO! HO!
L-E-S-T-E-R G-O C-H-A-S-E Y-O-U-R-S-E-L-F ! S-T-O-P
IT REALLY WORKS, BOSS! LIKE MAGIC! JUST TYPE MONEY ON IT AN' I'LL BET THE DOUGH'LL JUST ROLL IN!
WHAT?! THEN WHO'LL KNOW WHO'S ENGINEERIN' THAT CRIME? HOW'LL I GET CREDIT FOR IT?
DO YOU THINK I'VE GOT NO PRIDE, TO LET A MACHINE DO MY ROBBERIES FOR ME? NO, I'M NOT CALLED THE BOSS FOR NOTHIN'! THIS INVENTION'S GOIN' TO WORK FOR ME! TO HELP ME PULL THE BIGGEST ROBBERIES OF ALL TIME! AND NO ONE'LL BE ABLE TO STOP ME!
WHAT'RE YUH GOIN' TO DO, BOSS?
START THE MOST SENSATIONAL CRIME WAVE IN HISTORY-RIGHT NOW! HA, HA!


MEANWHILE, AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, THE KEEN-EYED AMAZON SPOTS FINGERPRINT MARKS ON THE DESK WHERE THE TYPEWRITER HAD BEEN...
THESE FRESH FINGERPRINTS MUST BE OF THE PERSON WHO STOLE THE TYPEWRITER!
WONDER WOMAN HURRIES TO THE GOVERNMENT FINGERPRINT FILES, PERFORMING THE INCREDIBLE FEAT OF BEARING SOLELY IN HER MEMORY THE FINGERPRINT MARKS...
HERE ARE THE MATCHING PRINTS! THEY BELONG TO JOE DEEG, A NIGHT WATCHMAN!
RACING TO THE NIGHTWATCHMAN'S HOME TO QUESTION HIM, THE FLEET AMAZON OVERHEARS...
SHOTS!...COMING FROM THE BANK! IT MUST BE A HOLDUP!
BANK
BANG! BANG! BANG!
INSIDE, A PECULIAR SIGHT...
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
BY JOVE'S THUNDERBOLTS! THOSE GUARDS SEEM TO HAVE GONE MAD...TURNING CARTWHEELS AND FIRING WILDLY! EVERYONE IN THE BANK IS IN PERIL!
BANG!
DEXTROUSLY, WONDER WOMAN LASSOES THE GUNS OF THE WILDLY FIRING GUARDS. BUT...
THEY'RE STILL TURNING CARTWHEELS!
STOP US!
WITH THE OTHER END OF HER MAGIC LASSO, THE AMAZON ENCIRCLES THE SPINNING GUARDS...
G-GOSH...WE...WE'VE STOPPED!
THANKS TO WONDER WOMAN!
WH...WHEW!


AS THE BANK MANAGER RUSHES FORWARD...
THE GUARDS JUST HELPED A GANG STEAL $100,000! ARREST THEM!
WE'RE INNOCENT– WE COULDN'T HELP OURSELVES!
WHAT HAPPENED?
A FEW MINUTES AGO, A GROUP OF MEN ENTERED, ONE CARRYING A TYPEWRITER! THEY LOOKED SUSPICIOUS! A GUARD QUESTIONED THEM!
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT'S YOUR BUSINESS HERE?
"SUDDENLY, HE BEGAN TYPING..."
I'M THE BOSS! AND I'M HERE TO ROB THE BANK! I'LL EVEN TYPE IT OUT FOR YOU! HA, HA, HA!
"NO SOONER HAD HE FINISHED TYPING THAN..."
S-S-STOP THEM! THEY'RE ROBBING THE BANK!
I-I-I CAN'T– ANY MORE THAN YOU!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
BANG!
"YOU KNOW THE REST, WONDER WOMAN!"
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME WITH THAT STORY, GUARD! THE WHOLE LOT OF YOU ARE GOING TO JAIL FOR AIDING IN THE ROBBERY!
WAIT! I SEE SOMETHING ON THE FLOOR THAT MIGHT SHED LIGHT ON THE GUARDS' STORY!
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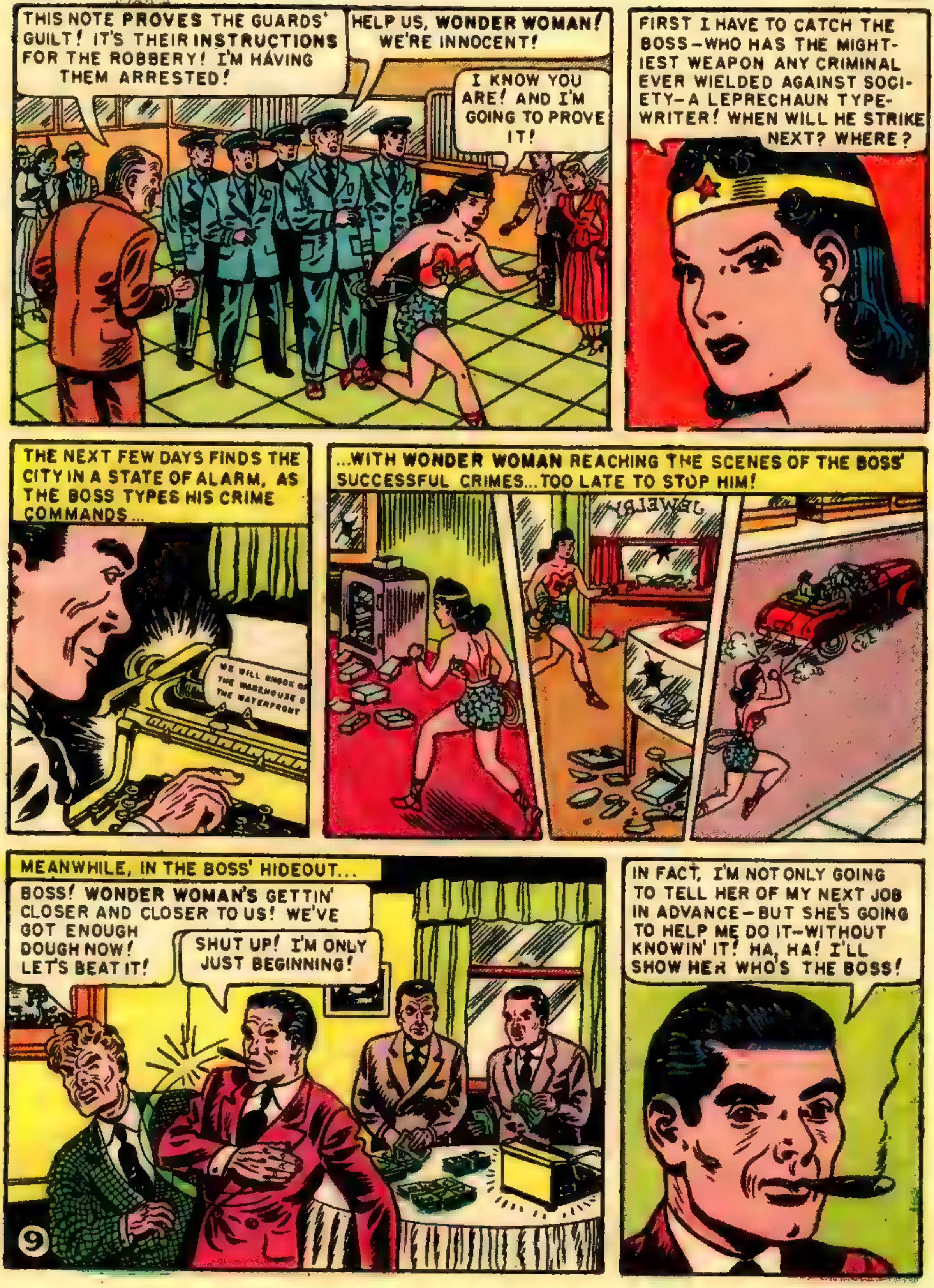
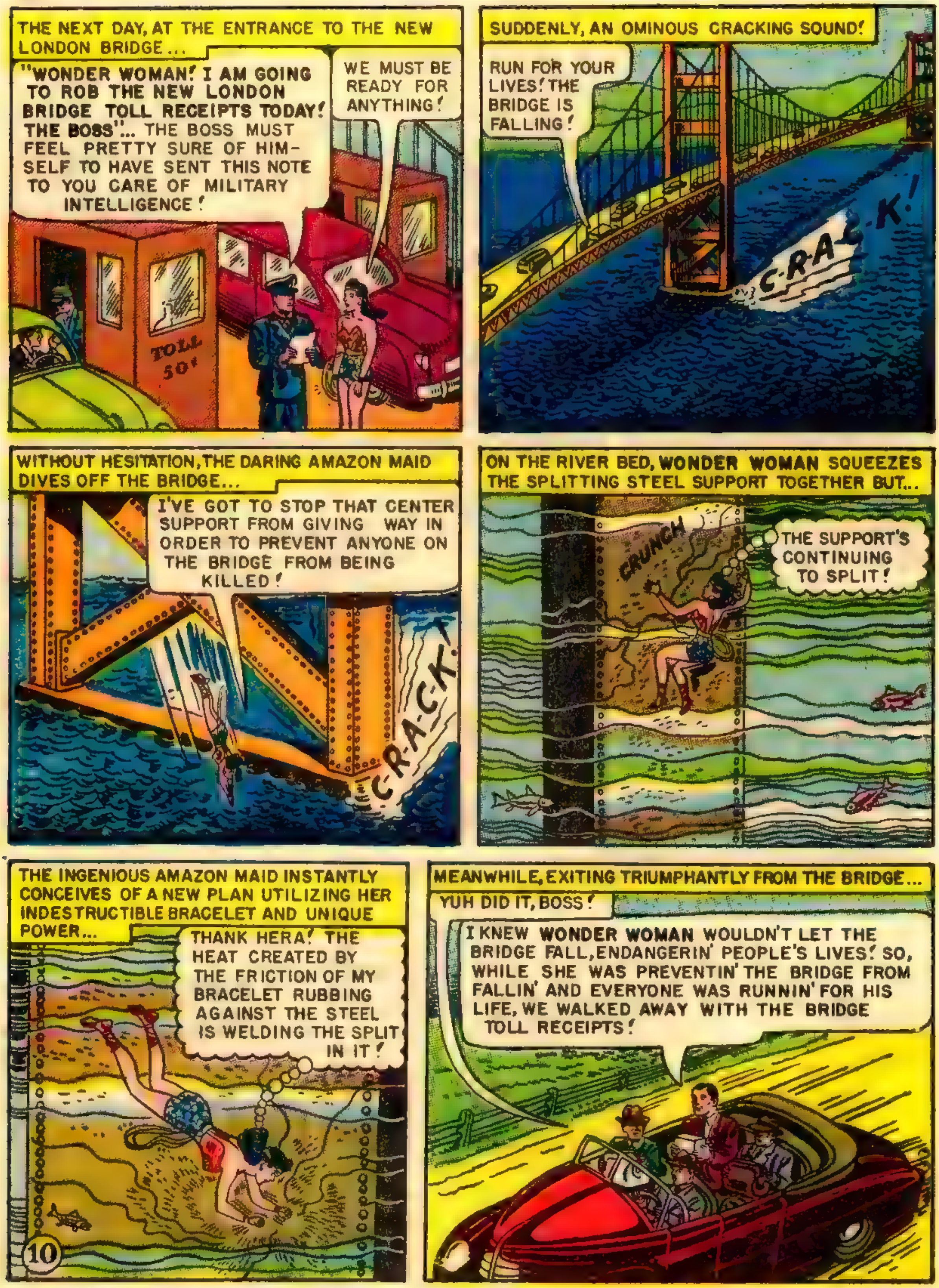
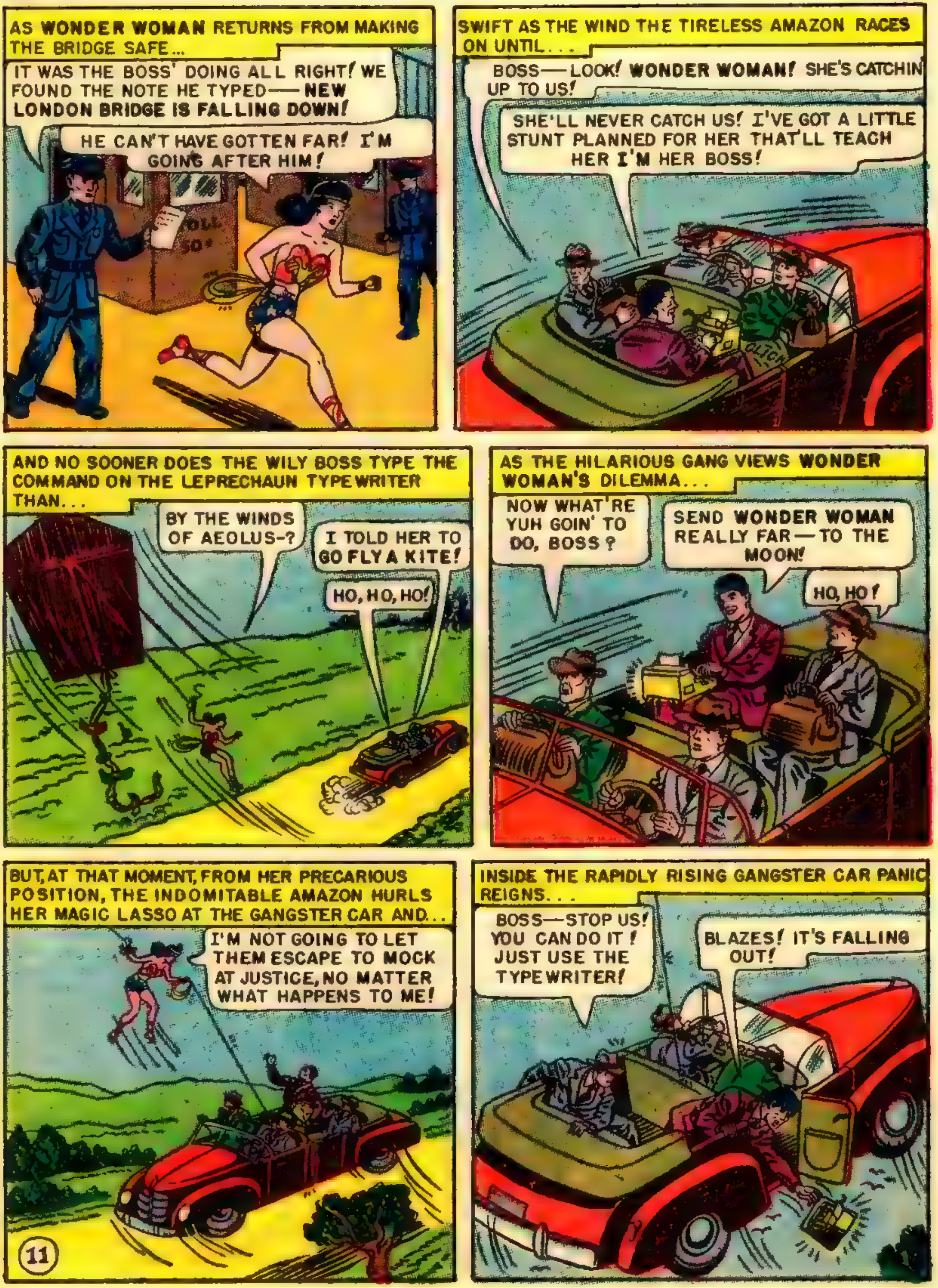
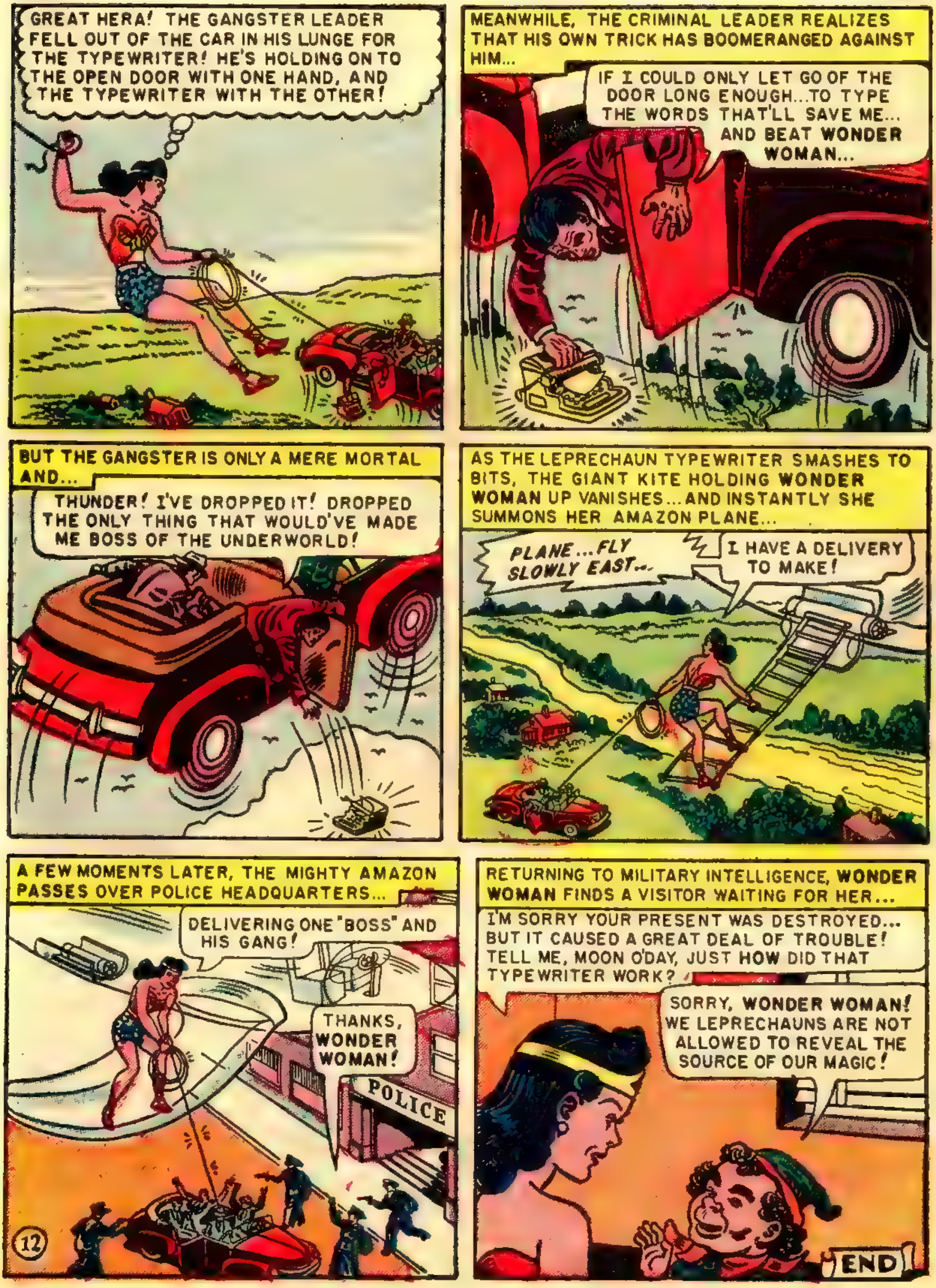
G-U-A-R-D-S T-U-R-N C-A-R-T-W-H-E-E-L-S A-N-D F-I-R-E W-I-L-D-L-Y W-H-I-L-E M-Y M-E-N R-O-B Y-O-U-R B-A-N-K!
T-H-E B-O-S-S!


THIS NOTE PROVES THE GUARDS' GUILT! IT'S THEIR INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ROBBERY! I'M HAVING THEM ARRESTED!
HELP US, WONDER WOMAN! WE'RE INNOCENT!
I KNOW YOU ARE! AND I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!
FIRST I HAVE TO CATCH THE BOSS—WHO HAS THE MIGHTIEST WEAPON ANY CRIMINAL EVER WIELDED AGAINST SOCIETY—A LEPRECHAUN TYPEWRITER! WHEN WILL HE STRIKE NEXT? WHERE?
THE NEXT FEW DAYS FINDS THE CITY IN A STATE OF ALARM, AS THE BOSS TYPES HIS CRIME COMMANDS...
WE WILL KNOCK OF THE WAREHOUSE O THE WATERFRONT
...WITH WONDER WOMAN REACHING THE SCENES OF THE BOSS' SUCCESSFUL CRIMES...TOO LATE TO STOP HIM!
JEWELRY
MEANWHILE, IN THE BOSS' HIDEOUT...
BOSS! WONDER WOMAN'S GETTIN' CLOSER AND CLOSER TO US! WE'VE GOT ENOUGH DOUGH NOW! LET'S BEAT IT!
SHUT UP! I'M ONLY JUST BEGINNING!
9
IN FACT, I'M NOT ONLY GOING TO TELL HER OF MY NEXT JOB IN ADVANCE—BUT SHE'S GOING TO HELP ME DO IT—WITHOUT KNOWIN' IT! HA, HA! I'LL SHOW HER WHO'S THE BOSS!


THE NEXT DAY, AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE NEW LONDON BRIDGE...
"WONDER WOMAN! I AM GOING TO ROB THE NEW LONDON BRIDGE TOLL RECEIPTS TODAY! THE BOSS"... THE BOSS MUST FEEL PRETTY SURE OF HIMSELF TO HAVE SENT THIS NOTE TO YOU CARE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE!
WE MUST BE READY FOR ANYTHING!
TOLL 50¢
SUDDENLY, AN OMINOUS CRACKING SOUND!
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES! THE BRIDGE IS FALLING!
C-R-A-C-K!
WITHOUT HESITATION, THE DARING AMAZON MAID DIVES OFF THE BRIDGE...
I'VE GOT TO STOP THAT CENTER SUPPORT FROM GIVING WAY IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANYONE ON THE BRIDGE FROM BEING KILLED!
C-R-A-C-K!
ON THE RIVER BED, WONDER WOMAN SQUEEZES THE SPLITTING STEEL SUPPORT TOGETHER BUT...
CRUNCH
THE SUPPORT'S CONTINUING TO SPLIT!
THE INGENIOUS AMAZON MAID INSTANTLY CONCEIVES OF A NEW PLAN UTILIZING HER INDESTRUCTIBLE BRACELET AND UNIQUE POWER...
THANK HERA! THE HEAT CREATED BY THE FRICTION OF MY BRACELET RUBBING AGAINST THE STEEL IS WELDING THE SPLIT IN IT!
MEANWHILE, EXITING TRIUMPHANTLY FROM THE BRIDGE...
YUH DID IT, BOSS!
I KNEW WONDER WOMAN WOULDN'T LET THE BRIDGE FALL, ENDANGERIN' PEOPLE'S LIVES! SO, WHILE SHE WAS PREVENTIN' THE BRIDGE FROM FALLIN' AND EVERYONE WAS RUNNIN' FOR HIS LIFE, WE WALKED AWAY WITH THE BRIDGE TOLL RECEIPTS!


AS WONDER WOMAN RETURNS FROM MAKING THE BRIDGE SAFE...
IT WAS THE BOSS' DOING ALL RIGHT! WE FOUND THE NOTE HE TYPED—NEW LONDON BRIDGE IS FALLING DOWN!
HE CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR! I'M GOING AFTER HIM!
TOLL 50¢
SWIFT AS THE WIND THE TIRELESS AMAZON RACES ON UNTIL...
BOSS—LOOK! WONDER WOMAN! SHE'S CATCHIN UP TO US!
SHE'LL NEVER CATCH US! I'VE GOT A LITTLE STUNT PLANNED FOR HER THAT'LL TEACH HER I'M HER BOSS!
CLICK
AND NO SOONER DOES THE WILY BOSS TYPE THE COMMAND ON THE LEPRECHAUN TYPEWRITER THAN...
BY THE WINDS OF AEOLUS-?
I TOLD HER TO GO FLY A KITE!
HO, HO, HO!
AS THE HILARIOUS GANG VIEWS WONDER WOMAN'S DILEMMA...
NOW WHAT'RE YUH GOIN' TO DO, BOSS?
SEND WONDER WOMAN REALLY FAR—TO THE MOON!
HO, HO!
BUT, AT THAT MOMENT, FROM HER PRECARIOUS POSITION, THE INDOMITABLE AMAZON HURLS HER MAGIC LASSO AT THE GANGSTER CAR AND...
I'M NOT GOING TO LET THEM ESCAPE TO MOCK AT JUSTICE, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!
INSIDE THE RAPIDLY RISING GANGSTER CAR PANIC REIGNS...
BOSS—STOP US! YOU CAN DO IT! JUST USE THE TYPEWRITER!
BLAZES! IT'S FALLING OUT!


GREAT HERA! THE GANGSTER LEADER FELL OUT OF THE CAR IN HIS LUNGE FOR THE TYPEWRITER! HE'S HOLDING ON TO THE OPEN DOOR WITH ONE HAND, AND THE TYPEWRITER WITH THE OTHER!
MEANWHILE, THE CRIMINAL LEADER REALIZES THAT HIS OWN TRICK HAS BOOMERANGED AGAINST HIM...
IF I COULD ONLY LET GO OF THE DOOR LONG ENOUGH...TO TYPE THE WORDS THAT'LL SAVE ME... AND BEAT WONDER WOMAN...
BUT THE GANGSTER IS ONLY A MERE MORTAL AND...
THUNDER! I'VE DROPPED IT! DROPPED THE ONLY THING THAT WOULD'VE MADE ME BOSS OF THE UNDERWORLD!
AS THE LEPRECHAUN TYPEWRITER SMASHES TO BITS, THE GIANT KITE HOLDING WONDER WOMAN UP VANISHES...AND INSTANTLY SHE SUMMONS HER AMAZON PLANE...
PLANE...FLY SLOWLY EAST...
I HAVE A DELIVERY TO MAKE!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE MIGHTY AMAZON PASSES OVER POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
DELIVERING ONE "BOSS" AND HIS GANG!
THANKS, WONDER WOMAN!
POLICE
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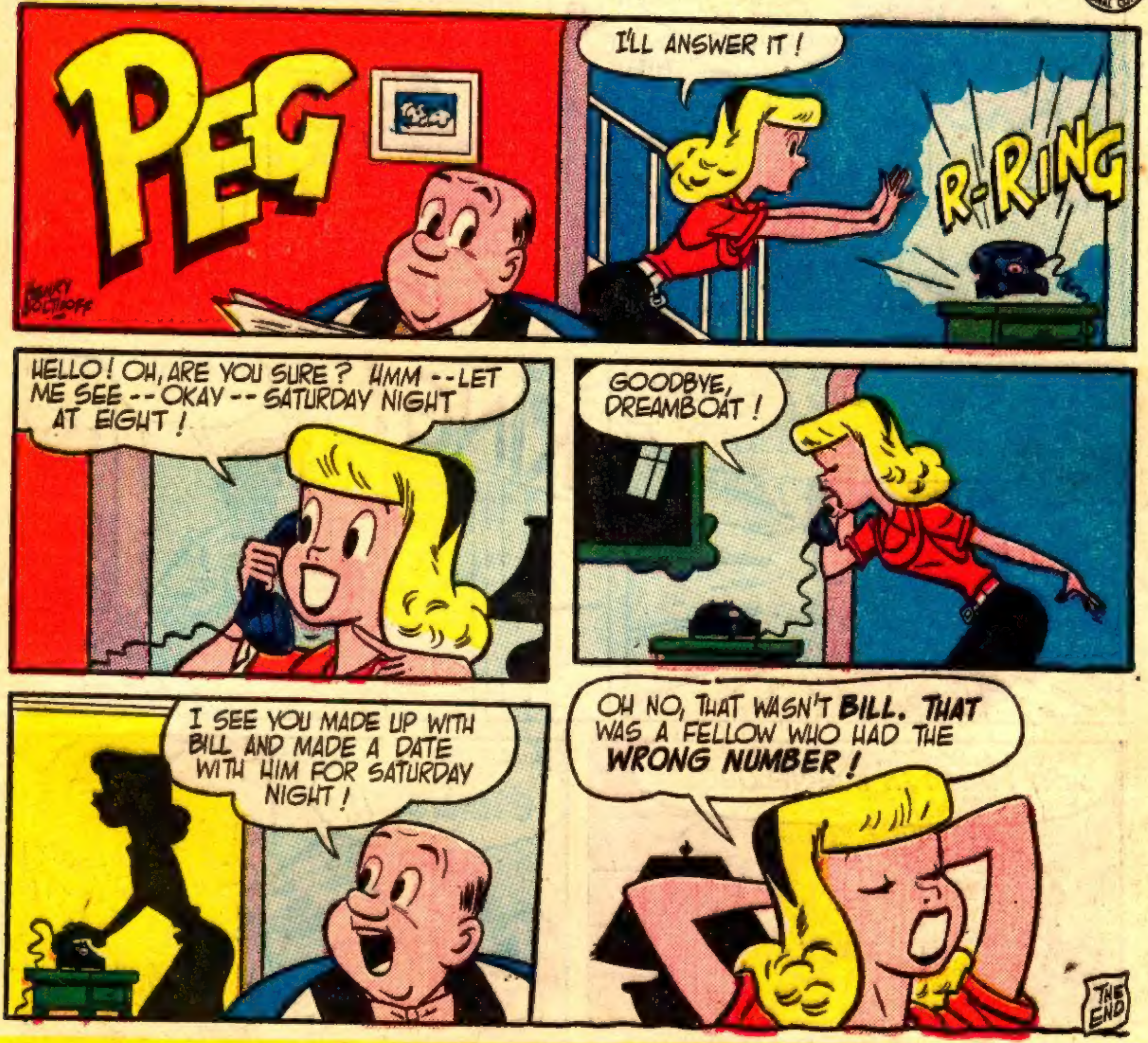
RETURNING TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, WONDER WOMAN FINDS A VISITOR WAITING FOR HER...
I'M SORRY YOUR PRESENT WAS DESTROYED... BUT IT CAUSED A GREAT DEAL OF TROUBLE! TELL ME, MOON O'DAY, JUST HOW DID THAT TYPEWRITER WORK?
SORRY, WONDER WOMAN! WE LEPRECHAUNS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO REVEAL THE SOURCE OF OUR MAGIC!
END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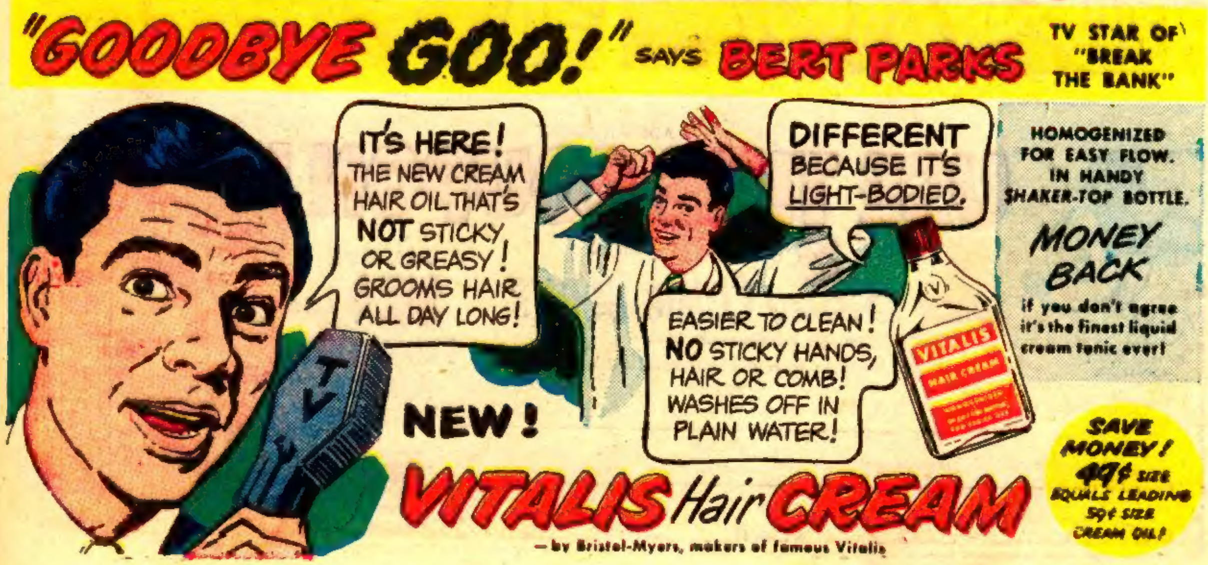
HENRY BOLTINOFF
I'LL ANSWER IT!
R-RING
HELLO! OH, ARE YOU SURE? HMM -- LET ME SEE -- OKAY -- SATURDAY NIGHT AT EIGHT!
GOODBYE, DREAMBOAT!
I SEE YOU MADE UP WITH BILL AND MADE A DATE WITH HIM FOR SATURDAY NIGHT!
OH NO, THAT WASN'T BILL. THAT WAS A FELLOW WHO HAD THE WRONG NUMBER!
THE END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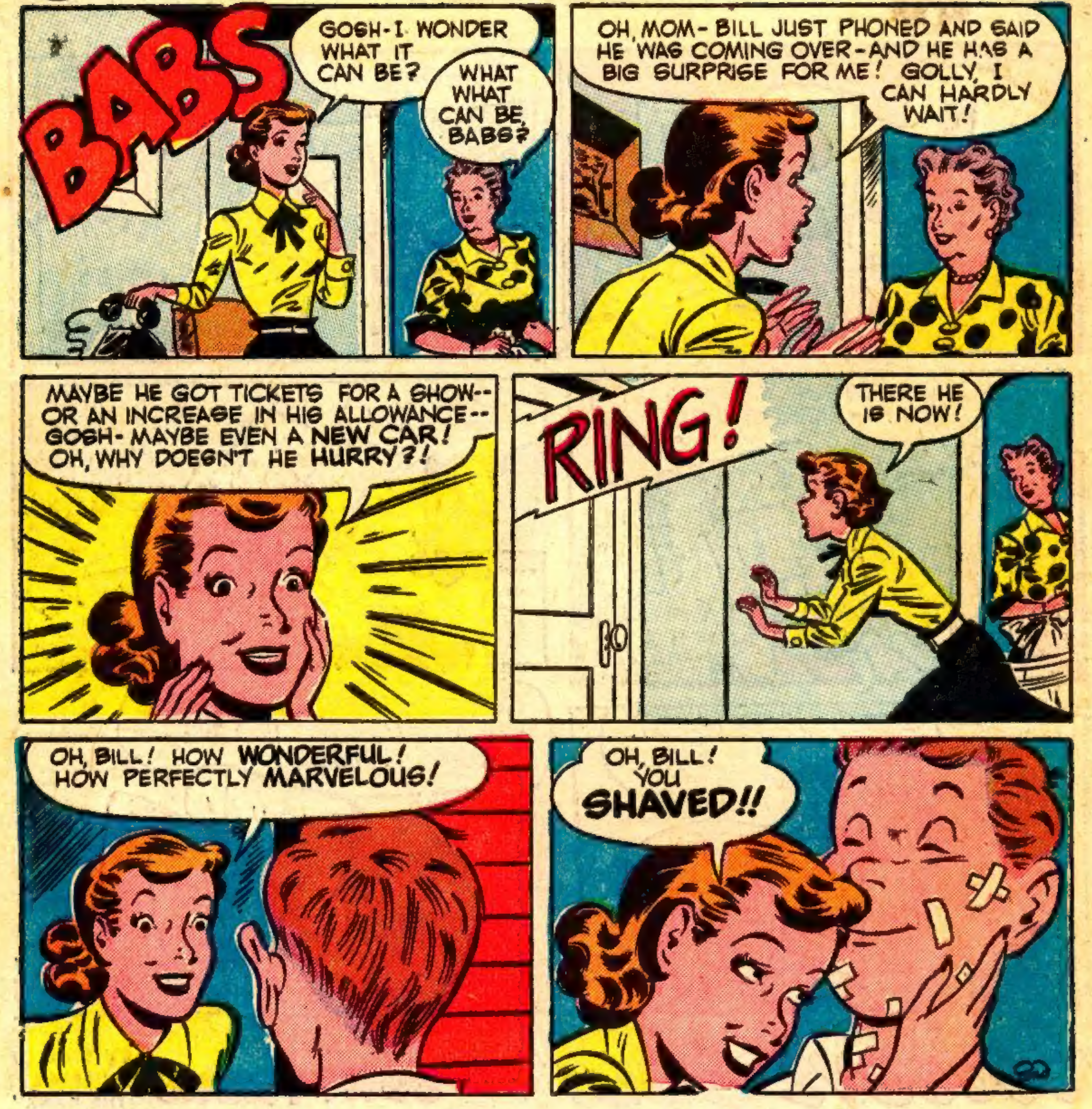
BABS
GOSH-I WONDER WHAT IT CAN BE?
WHAT WHAT CAN BE, BABS?
OH, MOM- BILL JUST PHONED AND SAID HE WAS COMING OVER-AND HE HAS A BIG SURPRISE FOR ME! GOLLY, I CAN HARDLY WAIT!
MAYBE HE GOT TICKETS FOR A SHOW--OR AN INCREASE IN HIS ALLOWANCE--GOSH- MAYBE EVEN A NEW CAR! OH, WHY DOESN'T HE HURRY?!
RING!
THERE HE IS NOW!
OH, BILL! HOW WONDERFUL! HOW PERFECTLY MARVELOUS!
OH, BILL! YOU SHAVED!!

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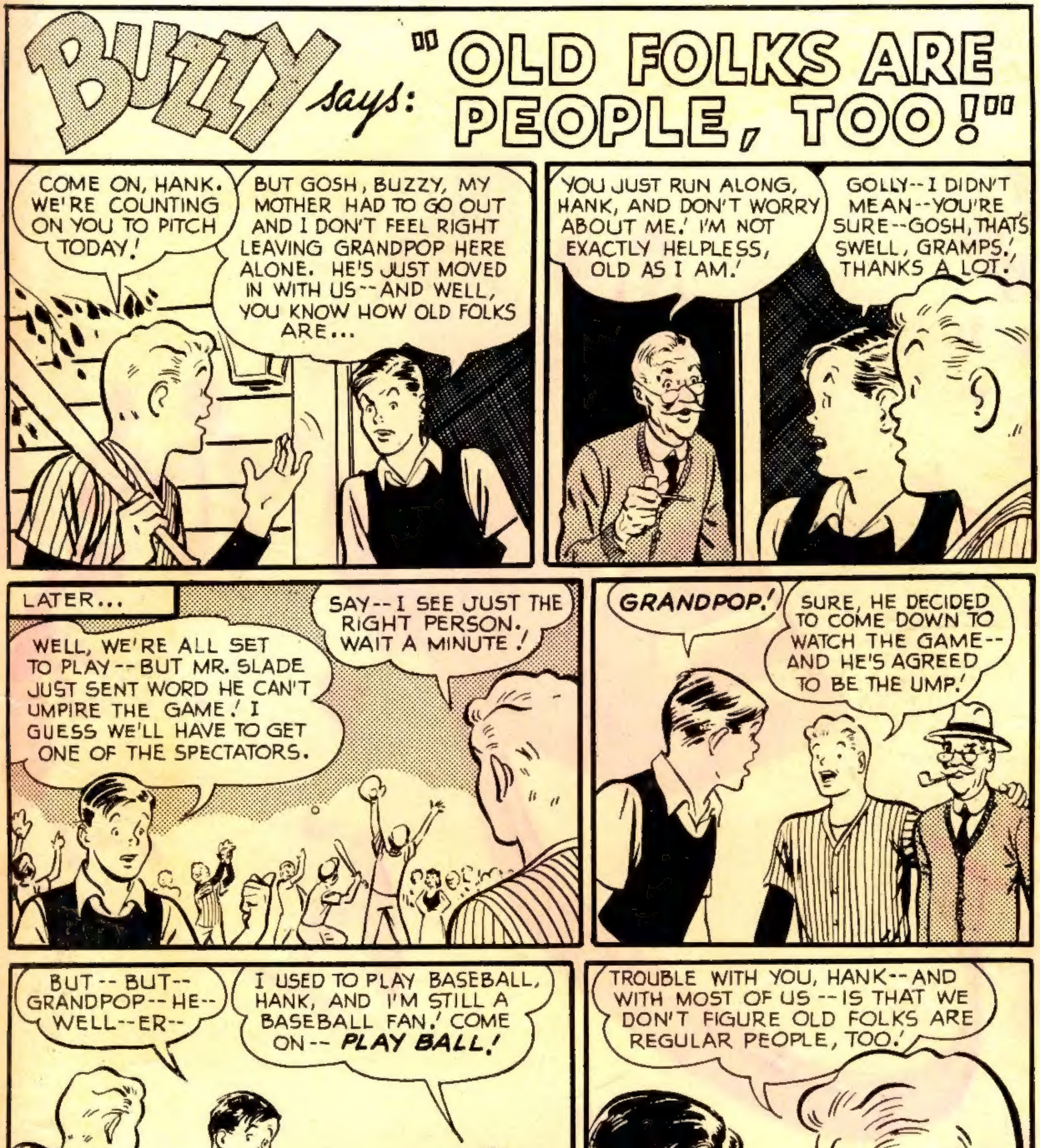
BUZZY says: "OLD FOLKS ARE PEOPLE, TOO!"
COME ON, HANK. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO PITCH TODAY!
BUT GOSH, BUZZY, MY MOTHER HAD TO GO OUT AND I DON'T FEEL RIGHT LEAVING GRANDPOP HERE ALONE. HE'S JUST MOVED IN WITH US--AND WELL, YOU KNOW HOW OLD FOLKS ARE...
YOU JUST RUN ALONG, HANK, AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I'M NOT EXACTLY HELPLESS, OLD AS I AM!
GOLLY--I DIDN'T MEAN--YOU'RE SURE--GOSH, THAT'S SWELL, GRAMPS! THANKS A LOT!
LATER...
WELL, WE'RE ALL SET TO PLAY--BUT MR. SLADE JUST SENT WORD HE CAN'T UMPIRE THE GAME! I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO GET ONE OF THE SPECTATORS.
SAY--I SEE JUST THE RIGHT PERSON. WAIT A MINUTE!
GRANDPOP!
SURE, HE DECIDED TO COME DOWN TO WATCH THE GAME--AND HE'S AGREED TO BE THE UMP!
BUT--BUT--GRANDPOP--HE--WELL--ER--
I USED TO PLAY BASEBALL, HANK, AND I'M STILL A BASEBALL FAN! COME ON--PLAY BALL!
TROUBLE WITH YOU, HANK--AND WITH MOST OF US--IS THAT WE DON'T FIGURE OLD FOLKS ARE REGULAR PEOPLE, TOO!

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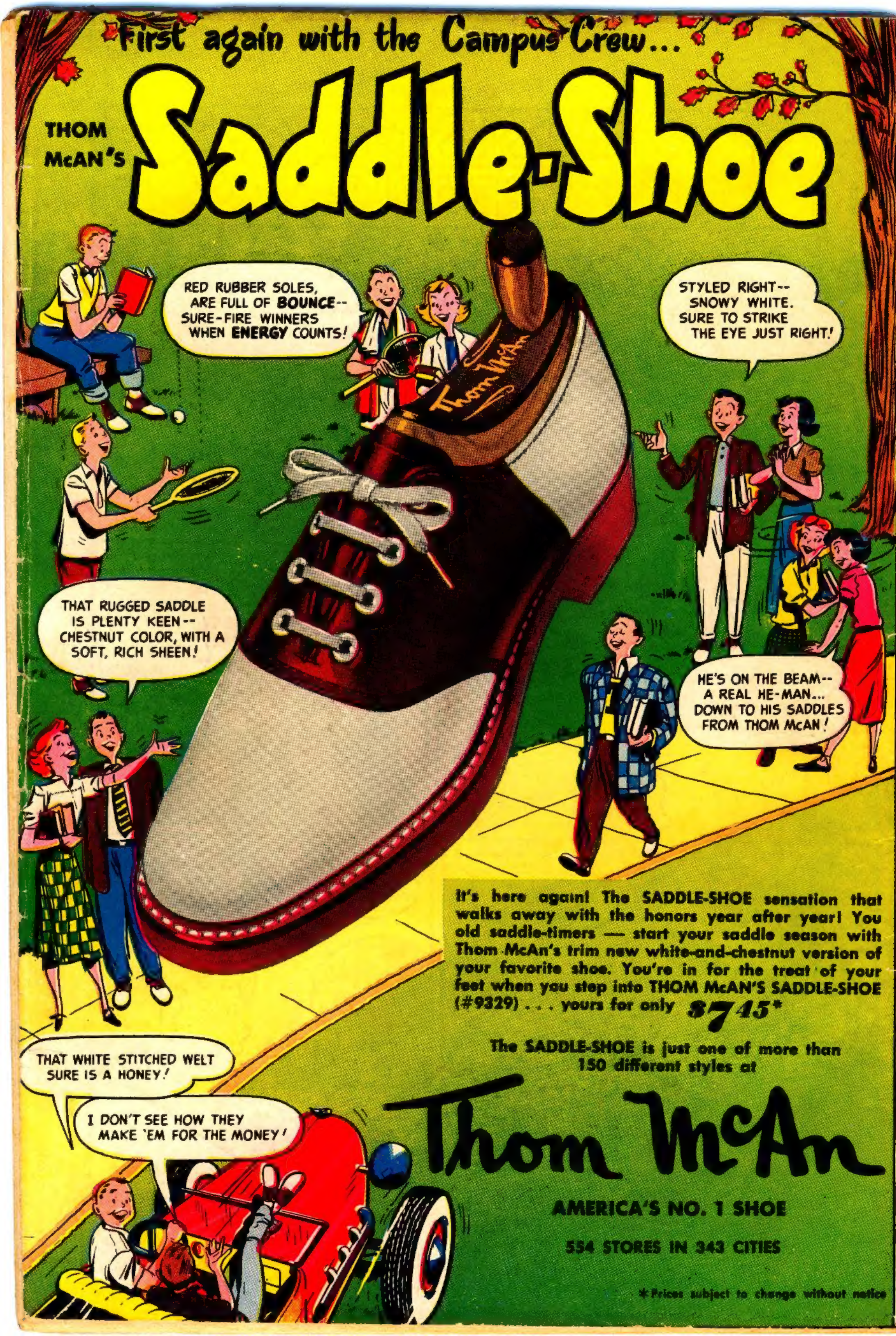
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